

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

## 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

## 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 9:00am -10:00am

## 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

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SVDP store locations:

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

To donate furniture, please call (516) 746-8250.



New to our Parish? We welcome you and ask that you please stop into our Parish office to register. *The*

*Lord told Israel to reach out to newcomers and welcome them (Leviticus 19:36).*

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF

# Easter

MAY 17, 2020



Jesus said, "If you love me you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15

Remembering. . .

- SUNDAY**            **May 17**  
 Antonia M. Hili +  
 Maria, Carmine & Antonio Clemente +  
 Steven Tassis +
- MONDAY**           **May 18**  
 Mother’s Day Novena
- TUESDAY**         **May 19**  
 Mother’s Day Novena
- WEDNESDAY**    **May 20**  
 Wayne Reed +  
 Nita DeCesare +
- THURSDAY**       **May 21**  
 Vincent Tramontano +  
 Manuela Sabin +
- FRIDAY**            **May 22**  
 Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families
- SATURDAY**        **May 23**  
 Francis X Moore +  
 John Paul Caceci +  
 Wayne Wright +  
 Florence Matthews +

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

**Psalm** — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

**Second Reading** — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) *or* 1 Peter 4:13-16.

**Gospel** — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) *or* Jn 17:1-11a.

Alive in the Spirit: Reflection on Sixth Sunday of Easter:

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won’t make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us “orphans,” He assures us in today’s Gospel (see Romans 8:14-17).

He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father.

We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today’s First Reading.

The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see Acts 6:5), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13) and are baptized.

It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized—that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our sacrament of Confirmation (see Acts 19:5-6), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord.

We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In today’s Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today’s Epistle.

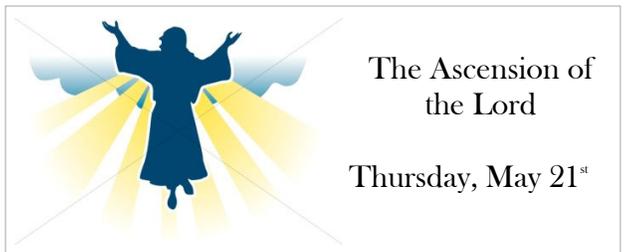
This is the reason for our hope—the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name’s sake.

Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: “Because I live, you will live.”

By Dr. Scott Hahn

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17, 2020**

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth.”  
 —John 14:16-17



## For Those Who Need Our Prayers:

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

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.

**Pantry hours are every Friday from 9:00am–10:00am in the lower Church.**

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



Salvatore Raimondi

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

## Parish Financial Summary



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

## Faith Direct

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](http://faith.direct/NY83), or text the word ENROLL to (Text-to-Give Phone Number). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

### LIGHT OF BELIEF

Every believer in this world must become a spark of light.

—Pope Saint John XXIII

## Sunday Readings, May 17, 2020, Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Reading 1

**Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20**

**R. (1) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: R. Alleluia.**

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: R. Alleluia.**

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!"

Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: R. Alleluia.**

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: R. Alleluia.**

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me.

Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. or: R. Alleluia.**

### Reading 2

**1 Pt 3:15-18**

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

### Gospel

**Jn 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

## MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

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

Caterina Primeggia  
Aline Bernier, Dorothy Willet  
Elizabeth Marino, Rose Pizzo  
Hedwig Hogan, Jennie Sardo  
Frieda E. Schenck, Mary G. Scafidi  
Jane Ventrella, Jane Caso  
Helen A. Evans, Donna L. Evans  
Theresa Vento, Concetta Mazzaro, Angelina Romanelli  
Ellen Clarke, Grace Eckermann, Rosemary Walker  
Marie Bacik, Annette Schnider  
Ursula Decker  
Rosa Savino, Teresa Santoro  
Antoinette Sanzoverino  
Mrs. Thomas Feeney  
Jaroslava Gubernowycz, Elizabeth O'Rourke  
Frances Dolce  
Dolores Barker, Theresa Barker  
Ida Notaro, Dalia Sisters, Virginia Dalia, Anna Notaro  
Iris L. Husing, Juliette McMahon, Maureen Husing  
Mary Lemma, Franca Bianci, Egle Bianci, Rosina Borghese, Pasqualina Lemma

Maria D'Errico, Teresa Laurino  
Lillian LeDonne, Maria Cavalini  
Margaret Dalton, Sonya Tice  
Mary Zachmann, Anna Allotta  
Eleanor Price  
Valerie Belcher, Patricia Foote  
Carolyn Casino, Rose Amato  
Jenny Savinetti, Jenny Stanco  
Virginia Muscianisi, Sadie DeCaro  
Giovanna Savinetti, Mrs. Carnella DeCarolis  
Catherine DiLorenzo, Clara Mirtich  
Antoinette Carbone, Anna Gwisdalla  
Catherine Boss, Marie Reilly  
Mildred Irene McKie, Francis Ellen Duffy  
Nery & Doris Marin, Millicent Tedaldi  
Irene Sinkinson  
Madeline Parisi, Antoinette Caputo, Namette Caputo,  
Theresa Caputo



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**The following are links and resources provided for your ease in learning more about COVID and for your use in this time of need.**

Catholic Health Services - Latest Information on Caronavirus [www.chsli.org/coronavirus-latest-catholic-health-services](http://www.chsli.org/coronavirus-latest-catholic-health-services)

Catholic Health Services - Careers

For those who may be currently unemployed, Catholic Health Services is hiring in all of our facilities. The link to the Career site: [www.chsli.org/careers](http://www.chsli.org/careers)

Catholic Health Services - Social Media

Please follow Catholic Health Services on Facebook and Instagram for the latest information; both are updated several times daily.

Centers for Disease Control [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

Nearly ALL of the CDCs COVID materials are available in other languages to print or download.. At the top right of the CDC landing page, click on OTHER LANGUAGES to locate resources appropriate for your language.

Catholic Health Association [www.chausa.org](http://www.chausa.org)

Please encourage those who are tested for COVID to provide their correct name and contact information so health care providers can reach them for follow up. The CHAUSA reminds all that, It is safe and smart to see a doctor if you need one. You should not be asked about your immigration status unless applying for insurance.

The Catholic Health Association has some information to assuage fears. [www.chausa.org/newsroom/social-media](http://www.chausa.org/newsroom/social-media)



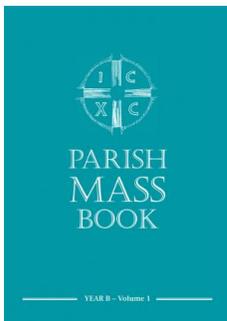
For the latest updates on what's happening at St. Gertrude's Church, please find us and follow us on Facebook at:

**Saint Gertrude's  
Roman Catholic Church**

Mass live streamed on Facebook every Sunday at 9:30am.

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

### The 2021 Mass for in OPEN



Please call the rectory on Wednesdays to arrange for your Mass intention for next year. As usual, it will be accepted on a first come basis. Due to the limited office hours, the Parish office is only open now on Wednesdays.



**Preschool:** Due to the pandemic, the preschool had to close suddenly on March 16<sup>th</sup>, and although we were hopeful that we would reopen to close out the school year, sadly that will not happen, due to the Governor's order of closing the schools for the rest of the school year.

The staff miss seeing the children whose lives we have been a part of since September, and look forward to seeing them again in the Fall. Have a healthy and happy spring and summer, we're not saying goodbye, only until we meet again!



**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y., May 5, 2020** – As Long Island health care workers join with health care professionals across the world in battling COVID-19, the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre (DRVC) will celebrate a special Mass in recognition of their heroic work.

On Sunday, May 17, 2020, in the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Bishop Barres will celebrate a White Mass, offering prayers for the safety and well-being of all Health Care Workers. Named for the white coats and uniforms worn by many health care professionals, White Masses are special opportunities to ask God's blessings for all those serving in the health care field.

The White Mass will be broadcasted on Catholic Faith Network (CFN), beginning at **11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 17**. CFN is found on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296 and Spectrum channel 162/471. The Mass can be viewed any time after 11:00 a.m. on [cfntv.org](http://cfntv.org), [drvc.org](http://drvc.org) and on Diocese of Rockville Centre social media platforms.

You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple

TV, Amazon Fire TV and Android or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching for "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN". In the tri-state area, the Mass will also air at 11 a.m. on **WLNY-TV 55, Ch. 10** and on select CBS stations nationally, check local listings.

"On behalf of the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, I thank each and every one of our first responders, our doctors, nurses, health care workers, health care chaplains, volunteers at our Catholic Health Services hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, Catholic Home Care and Hospice, Maryhaven and all of the hospitals across Long Island," said Bishop Barres. "God has blessed our diocese with incredible health care workers for this battle against COVID-19."

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## 2020 Worldwide Marriage Encounter LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE Project

Nominations are now being received for the 2020 Longest Married Couple Project (LMC) Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME). This is WWME's ninth annual project with nominations being accepted until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

This year's presentations to the winners will be held during June, which is known as Marriage Month, and provides the perfect time to honor the winning couples.

Pictured below are the National Winners from 2011 – 2018. All the winning couples were married 78 – 82 years at the time of their award presentation.



**Could you or someone you love be  
the next National Winner?**

**2020 Longest  
Married Couple  
???**

The state winners, who are generally married 50, 60 or 70 plus years, will also be recognized for their longest marriages in June by Worldwide Marriage Encounter couples from their states. Winners of the Longest Married Couple project are selected solely from nominations submitted.

**Go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) to make your nomination!!**

Click "Nominate Today" located at the upper right of the home page.



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 until further notice.**

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](http://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 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 further notice. 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.

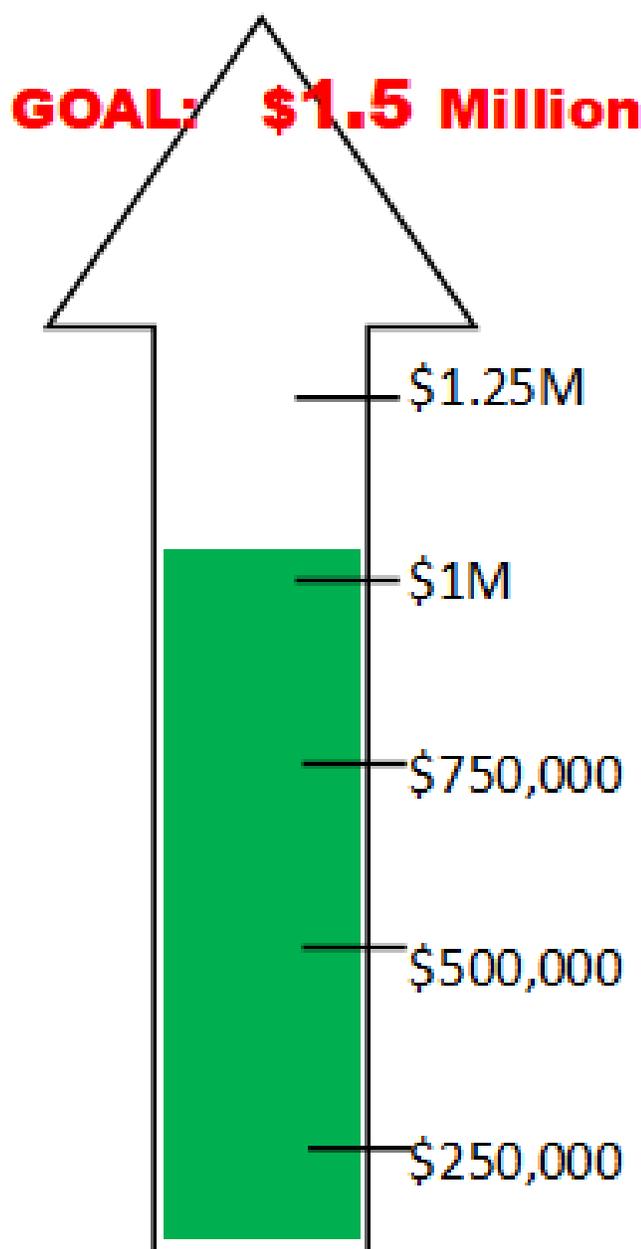
In Our Lord and Blessed Lady,

Rev. David Regan, Pastor

# St. Gertrude RC Church Church Renovation Capital Campaign

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**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](http://www.stgerts.com) for all capital campaign information and details.

"Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Happy Easter! He has risen! Let us welcome Jesus even more into our marriages 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/>.



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

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](http://CHSCancer.org)



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

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

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

# 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



## Saint Dominic High School 2020 Summer Camps

110 Justice Street • Oyster Bay, NY 11771  
Phone: (516) 922.4888 Ext: 5454  
email: [mobeien2@stidoms.org](mailto:mobeien2@stidoms.org) • [www.hs.stidoms.org](http://www.hs.stidoms.org)



## Saint Dominic High School

# 2020 SUMMER CAMPS



ONE JOURNEY THROUGH  
FAITH AND EDUCATION



You are invited to join a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Rev. Michael Bisseck!

## Diocese of Rockville Centre Young Adult Ministry



Nazareth • Cana • Sea of Galilee • Jerusalem • Bethlehem • Ein Karem

*In the Footsteps of Jesus*  
February 13–22, 2021



Peter's Way Tours

For more information or to sign up online, visit [petersway.com/9732.html](http://petersway.com/9732.html)

# 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>.

**Seminary of the Immaculate Conception**, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743  
[ehayes@icseminary.edu](mailto: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.



### “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](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



### KEEP THE TRADITION GOING

For over 50 years every Monday evening at 7:30pm the Miraculous Medal Novena to Our Lady, preceded by the Most Holy Rosary, has been recited here at St. Gertrude’s Church. This devotion was introduced by our first pastor, Father

Thomas Connolly, and has continued non-stop through these many years. Our participants are few in number but “Where two or three are gathered in my name there I am with them”. Please consider joining us.



### 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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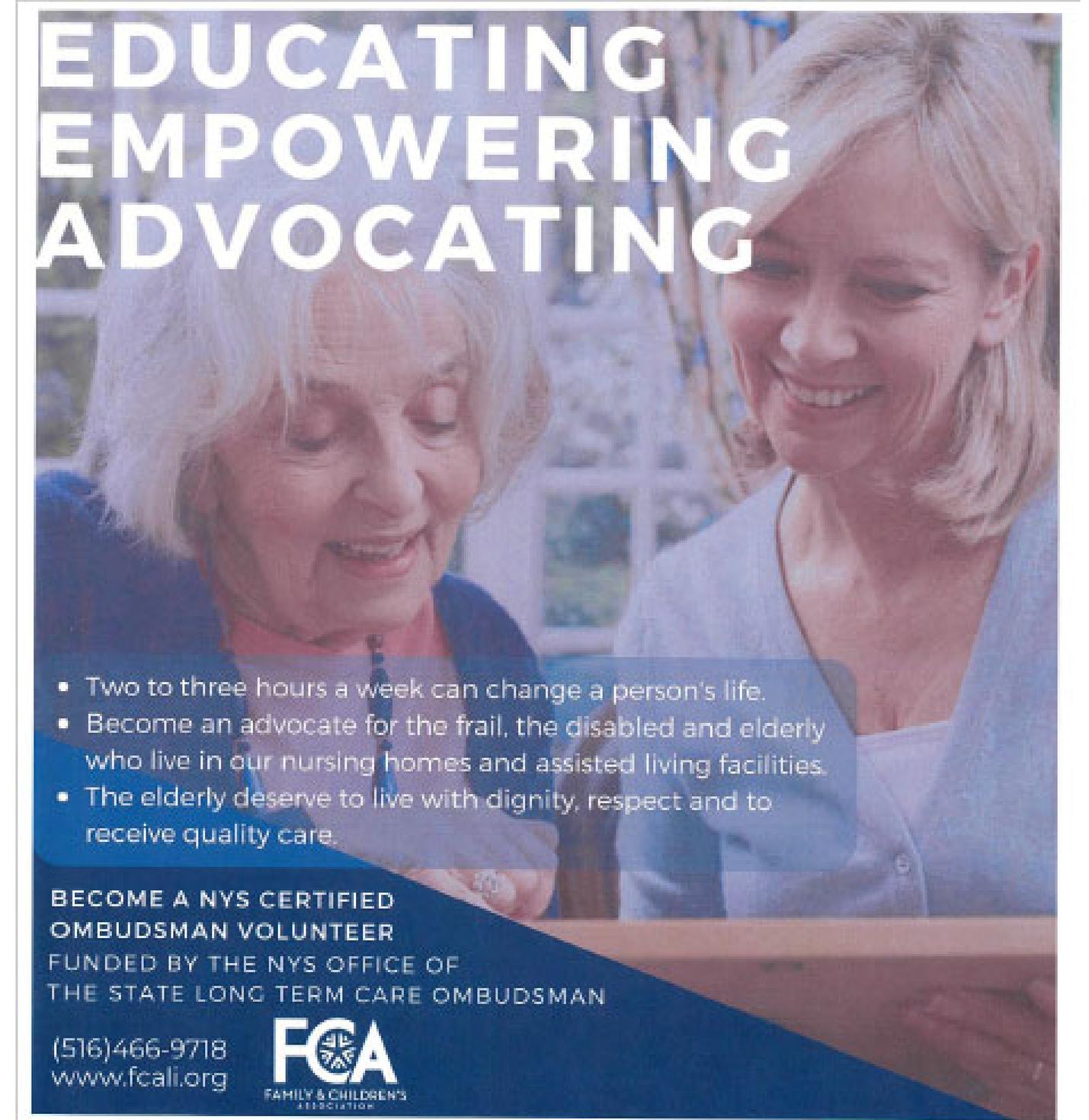
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