

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
Rev. Nicholas Revilla, Visiting Priest
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

SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

OUTREACH

Pantry hours: Friday 8:30am-9:30am

PARISH CENTER

Preschool:

Tina Mihaltses, Director, Phone: (516) 628-3710
Email: stgertprek@stgerts.org

Religious Education:

Dr. James Sheehan, Director, Phone: (516) 628-2432
Email: faithformation@stgerts.org

St. Vincent de Paul (516) 584-4090

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

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).*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Masses

Saturday: 8:30am & 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am (Family Mass), 11:30am, 5:30pm

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

PARISH OFFICE: Phone: (516) 628-1113

Marie Levchuck, Parish Secretary

Email: parishoffice@stgerts.org

Michele Drago, Bulletin Editor

Email: bulletin@stgerts.org

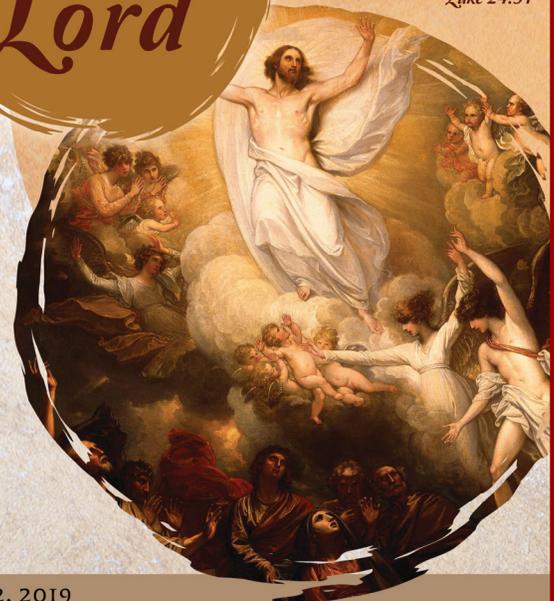
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Website: www.stgerts.com

THE ASCENSION OF THE *Lord*

As Jesus blessed
his disciples he
parted from them
and was taken up
to heaven.

Luke 24:51



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JUNE 2, 2019

Remembering. . .

SUNDAY	June 2
7:30am	Rosary Guild, living & deceased members
9:30am	Peacock & Cramer families +
11:30am	Charles, Veronica & Jane Coschignano +
5:30pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
MONDAY	June 3
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
TUESDAY	June 4
8:30am	Anthony Daniele +
WEDNESDAY	June 5
8:30am	Manuela Sabin +
THURSDAY	June 6
8:30am	Robert P. Navesky +
FRIDAY	June 7
8:30am	Nita DeCesare +
SATURDAY	June 8
8:30am	Frank S. Primeggia +
	Maria Braidia +
	Steven Salerno +
5:00pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude

Next Week's Presiders Schedule:

Saturday, June 8 th	5:00pm	Fr. Ed
Sunday, June 9 th	7:30am	Fr. Ed
	9:30am	Fr. Regan
	11:30am	Fr. Nick
	5:30pm	Fr. Regan

Please note schedule subject to change

The Ascension of the Lord

June 2, 2019

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

— *Psalms 47:6*

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

Sr. Mary Hugh Placilla, IHM

by Joseph Sanzoverino

FEET ON THE GROUND

“Until next week, keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!” Not today’s scriptural wisdom, but legendary DJ Casey Kasem’s sage advice, heard across America for generations, *American Top 40’s* challenging sign-off. Though Casey wasn’t quoting scripture, today’s Acts of the Apostles offers similar advice. As Jesus ascended, disciples “were looking intently at the sky.” Wouldn’t we prefer a soul-relaxing gaze into peaceful blue skies to a heart-breaking focus on this blood-stained earth? But heavenly questioners asked Jesus’ first disciples, “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” Earth awaited their mission! While our hearts should “keep reaching for” heaven, we need to “keep our feet on the ground.” Ascension’s scriptures and the Jubilee of Mercy remind us: the Jesus we revere as “ascended into heaven” lives right here among us on earth, awaiting our recognition and loving service.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God’s nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, “Do not cling to me,” perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit’s power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.

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ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH FEAST



THE FAMILY
FRIENDLY MIDWAY



RIDES • GAMES • FOOD • CASH RAFFLE

JUNE 13-16

Centre Island Beach Parking Lot • Bayville

Hours: Thur 6-10PM • Fri & Sat 6-11PM • Sun 3-8PM

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The sick of our parish:

Gloria Herlihy Maria Merz Jeanne Holden Joan Zahtila Michael Willett Lynn Gormley

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm – God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading – God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) *or* Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.

Gospel – As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).



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



June Burke

Steven Salerno

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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

May 26, 2019: \$ 8,228.00

There will be a Diocese second collection this weekend, June 1 & 2 for Communications

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!!



Congratulations to St. Gertrude's Parish on achieving our goal for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal!!!! Thank you very much for all who have donated!

Introduction to Catholic Beliefs

Is a 5 week overview course offered on Monday evenings from 7pm-9pm in the Parish Center.

While the course is directed to catechists, any interested adult may attend one or all of the classes.

Class 1: June 3

Exploring our images and understanding of God.
What do we mean by our God is Triune?

Class 2: June 10

A look at Jesus' healing ministry, teachings and miracles.
The cross and resurrection

Class 3: June 17

What do we mean by Revelation?
Looking at the Scriptures and how we as Catholics interpret the Scriptures

Class 4: June 24

What is the Church? What is the Mission of the Church?

Class 5: July 1

Exploring the Sacraments and the Principle of Sacramentality.
A brief look at the history and theology of the seven Sacraments

Please contact the Religious Education Office to let us know what sessions you plan on attending. Telephone (516)628-2432.



ST. GERTURDE'S CHURCH FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY Centre Island Beach, Bayville

Thursday, June 13th-6:00pm-10:00pm
Friday, June 14th-6:00pm-11:00pm
Saturday, June 15th-6:00pm-11:00pm
Sunday, June 16th-3:00pm-8:00pm

Hold the Date!

St. Gertrude Vacation Bible School

July 15th through July 19th
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

For students age 4 to 5th grade

Each day will include Bible Study, recreation, arts and crafts, and a light snack. The camp will begin with a blessing of the campers at the 9:30 mass on July 14th and conclude with a luncheon on July 19th at 11:30.

The cost per child is \$40.00.

For more information, or to volunteer with the program, contact Wendy Parente at wendvann15@gmail.com or call the Religious Education Office at (516) 628-2432.

CHOIR CAST CALL ! CALLING ALL SINGERS!



We need *YOU*. If you love to sing, come on up to the choir loft at the 11:30 Sunday Mass, & add your voice to the Adult Choir. Music literacy is NOT a requirement, nor is mandatory attendance, nor is there a choir try-out.

You simply need to love music & the power of prayer.

So...we welcome you & look forward to your visit.

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Barbara Bixby,
Organist & Choir Director

St. Gertrude's Church, Feast of St. Anthony, June 13-16, 2019 Sponsorship Information

Platinum \$2,500.00 ___ Gold \$1,000 ___ Silver \$500.00 ___ Bronze \$250.00 ___
Saintly \$100.00 ___ Friend \$50.00 ___ Bandstand Sponsorship \$5,000.00 ___

All sponsorships will be acknowledge with signage at the feast and our parish bulletin. Friends of St. Anthony: names will be listed at the statue booth.

Please mail completed form (w/name, address and phone # with check payable to: St. Gertrude's Church) to the Parish office.

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY

815 Convent Rd., Syosset, NY

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2019 SUMMER CAMPS & COURSES

Basketball, Business Skills, College Essay Prep, Creative Writing, Cross Country, Dance, Introduction to Coding Course, Lacrosse, SAT Prep, Science Research Course, Soccer, Softball Pitching Clinic, Theatre, Volleyball

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"I am with you always, until the end of the age."
Allow God to journey with you in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jun 28-30, 2019 in Huntington, NY and Nov 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

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Saint Dominic High School 2019 Summer Camps

110 Anstice St., Oyster Bay NY 11771 Phone: (516) 922-4888, ext. 5454 www.hs.stdoms.org

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Kellenberg Memorial Reunions All members of Kellenberg Memorial's classes of 1999, 2004, 2009, and 2014 are invited to return to campus on Saturday, June 22, 2019, to celebrate their 20, 15, 10, and 5-year reunions (respectively). Whether you return frequently for alumni events or haven't been back since graduation, we would love to see you! The evening will begin with Mass at 6 PM, followed by private cocktail parties for each class from 7 to 10 PM. For more information or to register online, please visit www.kellenberg.org/reunion. If you have any questions, please contact Director of Alumni Mr. Thomas Huggard at alumni@kellenberg.org or (516) 292-0200 x375.

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SEMINARY GARDEN TOUR AND LUNCH

Join the Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception for a tour of gardens in Lloyd Harbor and Greenlawn, followed by buffet lunch and auction in the Seminary Refectory, Wednesday, June 12, 2019. Reservations required. \$50 per ticket. Seminary Development Office, (631) 423-0483 x 102, bmalone@icseminary.edu.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Parish Feast Raffles

Our Parish Feast is right around the corner and WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Feast returns to Centre Island Beach, to be held Thursday, June 13-Sunday, June 16, 2019.

As always, we will be providing a variety of family fun, from exciting rides and games, to delicious food and drinks. Each night a host of talented entertainers will take the stage.

Please help us reach our goal and make the Feast a success again this year by donating a raffle basket or an item to be raffled in a basket. If you provide the contents, our raffle volunteers are happy to create the basket for you.

The "**Regular Raffle**" basket should have a value ranging from approx. \$150-\$250. Themed baskets are very popular. A few ideas include, *Fun in the Sun, Day of Beauty, Kids Sports, Backyard BBQ, Restaurants and Food.*

The highly popular "**Pastor's Raffle**" typically consists of bigger ticket items. Electronics, kayaks, theatre/ event tickets, and gift certificates, with values ranging from \$300-\$500, are hugely successful.

Alternatively, financial contribution are needed as well to purchase items to be included in the Pastor's Raffle. In addition, we have raffle books for the "**CASH Raffle**", with 3 chances to win big CASH! First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$3,000 and third prize is \$2,000.

Tickets for the CASH Raffle are \$20 per chance or six chances for \$100. Volunteers will also have tickets available after all masses in June.

Please know that your tax deductible donations and contributions will be specifically acknowledged in the Church bulletin and Parish website.

Thank you in advance for your support and ongoing commitment to our Parish. If you have any questions, would like to bring a basket to the Church or have it picked up, please call or text Madeline Perrin at (516)864-1970.

We look forward to seeing you at the Feast!!



GERTRUDE'S

ROMAN CATHOLIC
28 SULLY RD. ST. BAYVILLE, NEW YORK 11791

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We look forward to seeing you at the Feast!

Yours Sincerely,

Rev. Dave Regan, Pastor

P.S. We've gone social! Please follow St. Gerts on Instagram and Facebook for up to date event information.

St. Gertrude's Church

Feast of St. Anthony

June 13-16, 2019

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Company/Family Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number and email: _____

Please mail completed form with check payable to: St. Gertrude's Church

Attention: Feast Committee
 St. Gertrude's Church
 28 School Street
 Bayville, NY 11709



ST. GERTURDE'S CHURCH
FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY
 Centre Island Beach, Bayville

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Reflection Weekend

*"The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth."* Psalm 145:18

The Second Pillar of Christian Stewardship: Prayer

What do you think of when you think of prayer? Perhaps one good way to think of it is to imagine an athlete preparing for the big game. The game is on Sunday, and he has all week to prepare. To win the game, he has to practice, lift weights, eat well and get some sleep. He cannot perform at his best if he does not have the strength that comes with physical fitness. The same goes with prayer and the Christian. The Christian cannot be a faithful steward if he does not prepare with prayer.



Without prayer, it is very difficult to hear the voice of God in our lives. Even Jesus prayed before making big decisions in His life! We see Jesus pray in the Scripture before He chooses His disciples. The image of Jesus praying in the garden before His crucifixion is a powerful one that shows us how prayer can help us do God's will no matter how tough it is.

Every day in our lives, we need God by our side. We, in fact, are *One Family in Mission* but like every family we need God as the

head of our family. This week, open your heart to God, and ask Him to guide you and to make His will known to you. Reflect this week on what gifts God has given to you. There is no better way to find out what God wants of you than to ask and listen to Him. Thanks be to God for the gifts we've been given! Let us use them with joy!

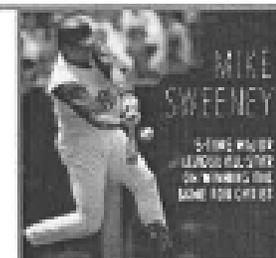
Living Stewardship

Pray. Listen to what God is telling you. God may be moving you to do something for His church or He may be putting someone in your life and asking you to do something for them.

Intercession

We want to be the faithful stewards of the gifts You have given us; help us to prepare with prayer so we have the tools to do Your will ...

Formed Stewardship
content of the week





The Friends of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

invite you to a Tour of Gardens

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

from 10 am to 12:30 pm

followed by Buffet Lunch in the Seminary
Refectory

Raffles and Chinese Auction

(Tours of the Seminary will be offered)



Reservations/Tickets Required

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Tickets \$50

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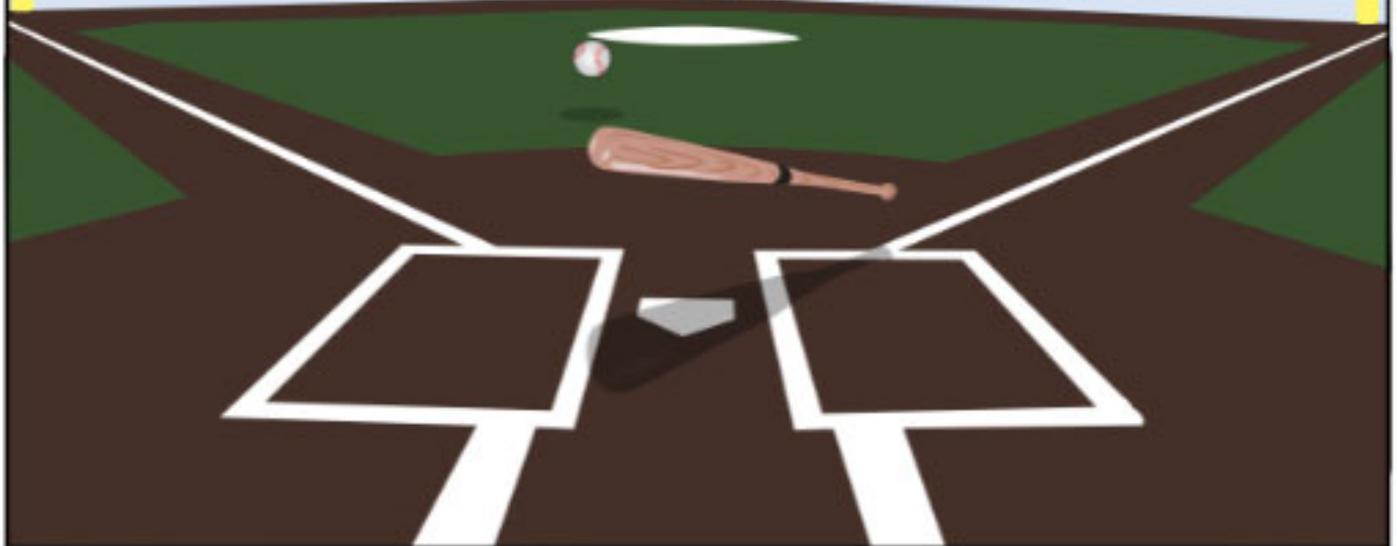
HEROES OF THE GAME



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Karen Saffari for more information
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St. Gertrude Parish

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

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Contact Fr. Mickey: 631-323-1323

or

Angelica: 1-800-CATHOLIC ext. 250

or email: avillegas@groupist.com

*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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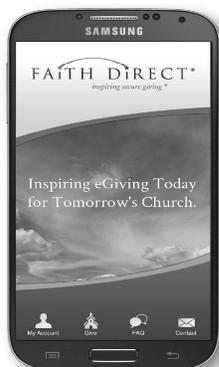
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Resources Available

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

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>.

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