

# 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).*

JUNE

21  
2020

*What I say to you  
in the darkness,  
speak in the light;  
what you hear whispered,  
proclaim on the housetops.*

Matthew 10:27



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Remembering. . .

### Sunday, June 21

7:30am Father's Day Novena

9:30am Father's Day Novena

11:30am Father's Day Novena

### Monday, June 22

8:30am Father's Day Novena

### Tuesday, June 23

8:30am Father's Day Novena

### Wednesday, June 24

8:30am Father's Day Novena

### Thursday, June 25

8:30am Father's Day Novena

### Friday, June 26

8:30am Father's Day Novena

### Saturday, June 27

8:30am Gregory McMahon +  
Father's Day Novena  
Manuela Sabin +  
Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families

5:00pm Lucy Quinn +

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

**Psalm** — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

**Second Reading** — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

**Gospel** — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).



### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 21, 2020

Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD,  
for he has rescued the life of the poor.  
—*Jeremiah 20:13*

Be Not Afraid Reflection on the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Times:

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test.

We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap us and trip us up.

For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts—even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm.

As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

“Do not be afraid,” Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel.

Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His Providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him.

Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell.

We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus (see [John 2:17](#)). As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we (see [Romans 15:3](#)).

By the gracious gift of himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise—that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

Due to the Diocesan directive, Hymnals/missals have been removed. Please use this bulletin for music and readings. Please take this bulletin with you as you leave the Church. Do NOT leave this bulletin behind for hygienic reasons. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Entrance Hymn: Gather Us In**

**Offertory Hymn: Be Not Afraid**

**Communion Hymn: The Cry of the Poor**

Refrain: The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

**Recessional Hymn: Faith of our Fathers**

*For All Our Living & Deceased Fathers, May God Bless Them*

Peter Gubernowycz, John O'Rourke  
Charles Boss, James J. Reilly  
Walter V. Hogan, Henry G. Sardo  
Joseph Marino, Paul Pizzo  
Edward Burgie, Gennaro Marzigliano  
Edward Minicozzi, Sr., Nicholas Minicozzi  
Angelo Savinetti, Rocco M. Stanco  
Stanley Willett, Edward Bernier, Roger Willett  
William Dalton, Harry A Tice, Jr.  
Ed Hafner, Joseph Mezeul, Richie Loud,  
Gregory Peterson, Antonio Marino, Christopher,  
Anthony & Tony Petrocelli  
Thomas Feeney  
Frank D'Errico, Donato Laurino  
James Foote, Dennis Belcher  
Frank Allotta, Frank Zachmann  
Nicholas Ventrella, Joseph Caso  
George Hafner, Alexander Bathie, John Hafner,  
Richard Bathie  
Anthony Muscianisi, Charles DeCaro  
Pat Meringolo  
Frank Slaski, Sr., Bill Bruse, Matthew Slaski,  
Peter Slaski  
Vincent Frignani, Joseph Lemma, Tony Gallo  
Michael DeCosimo, Lawrence Caputo  
James McKie, Sr., Andrew F. Duffy, Sr.

Serafino Agnone, Antonio Mercogliano  
Peter Carbone, Edward Gwisdalla,  
Antonio Carbone  
Owen Clarke, Robert Walker,  
Charles Eckermann  
Bernard Guercin, Archibald Baudin  
Eugene & Philip Schenck, Ray Vaughn  
Edward B. Husing, Gregory J. McMahon  
Mario Dammacco

**FATHERHOOD**

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

—Clarence Budington Kelland

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day



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**

**The Sunday Mass at 9:30am will continue to live stream until further notice**



The Parish office will re-open with our regular office hours starting **Monday, June 22nd.** We look forward to welcoming you back. Please wear a facemask upon entering and we will limit the office to 1 person at a time.

## Sunday Readings: June 21, 2020 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading 1: Jer 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

“I hear the whisperings of many: ‘Terror on every side!  
Denounce! let us denounce him!’  
All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine.  
‘Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.’  
But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.  
In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion.  
O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart,  
let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause.  
Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD,  
for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!”

### Responsorial Psalm ; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

**R. (14c) Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face.  
I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my children,  
Because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God!  
In your great kindness answer me with your constant help.  
Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness; in your great mercy turn toward me.

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

“See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive!  
For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.  
Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and whatever moves in them!”

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

### Reading 2: Rom 5:12-15

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

### Gospel: Mt 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve: “Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.”

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## For Those Who Need Our Prayers:

Tom Kolakowski    Jack Caputo    Michael Domaradzki    Wendy Parenti  
 Rebecca Browning    Lawrence Paul Caputo    Michael Willet

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.

### NEWS FLASH

#### The St. Gertrude's Food Pantry is Open!

With people in need more than ever during this difficult time, we ask that you continue to donate non-perishable items for those who visit our food pantry on a weekly basis.

Donations can be left under the awning outside the front of the Parish Center at any time. Please do not leave food items at the Church.

We thank you, in advance, for your generosity and support.

#### St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:

**Cereal, 1-2 lb. bags of rice, black beans, jar pasta sauce, plastic bottles of juice, paper towels & toilet paper.**

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!*

### 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.



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

# St. Gertrude Church Renovation Campaign “Preserve Our Past . . . Envision Our Future”

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## Over \$1,050,000 Pledged – Phase I Begins!

As of Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> the campaign office reported one-time gifts and pledges of \$1,061,772 with over \$710,000 in cash down payments from only 275 parish families. **Phase 1 of the project** has begun and includes; replacing the roof, repairing the siding, replacing the widows at the top of the Church and repainting the windows frames. Planning is in place to continue progress with the installation of a Bathroom and replacing stairways, railings and doors. The we turn our attention to the inside of the Church! More to Come!

### Thank you for your prompt pledge payments!

Payment reminders are being mailed on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and include a statement of your pledge and a return envelope. We are pleased to report that a majority of families are on time or ahead of schedule with their pledge payments. This helps a great deal as we are close to finalizing the first projects to be accomplished and secure the funds necessary to begin. If you have any questions about your account, please call our Campaign Director, Andy White at 516-607-3635.

### 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.

### Additional Giving is Encouraged!

Through the Summer and Fall, follow-up activities will continue to those who have not had an opportunity to make their gift. If you have not made your gift, please help us move closer to reaching our goal of \$1.5 million by making your one-time gift or pledge in the coming weeks. **Please review the suggested gift plans and continue the success of our campaign by making your gift today!**

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

Dear Parish Family,

We have been through so much in these last few months. Let us first begin this letter with a profound thank you. I would encourage you to pray for an outpouring of gracious blessing for those who physically helped get us through this unique moment in our parish's history (Video and stream-line volunteers, website and social media volunteers, etc.) as well as our entire community as a whole. It was an endearing experience to see how many members of our parish family found ways to minister and be present during a time where we had to be physically distant from one another. Thank you for all that you have been and all that you are.

We are glad to announce that we are moving towards reopening. This past week the pastors received emails regarding the process, procedures and current restrictions regarding the reopening of our parish. I am going to list a few **DIOCESAN DIRECTIVES** that pertain to us here at St. Gertrude's.

1. Beginning Wednesday, June 10, 2020, you may host all public liturgies and Sacraments (Mass, weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc.) in churches / indoor facilities with 25% of your building capacity in attendance. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect...Those who are sick or vulnerable due to age or health conditions are strongly encouraged to remain at home and view the Mass on television or online.

It is recommended that you close / block access to 2 of every 3 pews (one pew open, the next two closed, one pew open, the next two closed). Some suggested methods of closing pews are printed signs placed on the seats of the pews, ropes, and / or blue painter's tape that will not damage the finish on wooden pews. Do not use other types of tape on wooden pews.

2. Families and those who traveled to the church together may sit together. All others must maintain social distancing (6 feet apart). With one pew open out of every three, plus the social distancing for non-family members, the 25% rule will easily be maintained.

3. Masks (or cloth facial coverings) must be worn by all present. However, the priest celebrant will not wear a mask during the celebration of the Holy Mass.

4. Hymnals / missals should be removed from the pews.

5. The Sign of Peace continues to be omitted until further notice so as to avoid confusion.

6. Collection baskets should not be passed around. It is recommended that collection stations be provided where the faithful can simply drop their collection into a basket or container before or after Mass, or that baskets with poles be used in order to avoid contact.

7. Holy Communion is not to be distributed until further notice. We realize that this is not ideal. Please understand: A. These measures are temporary and made in response to extraordinary circumstances. B. If we do not take certain reasonable precautions, we could not only risk health concerns, but could also put the Church at risk of having more unreasonable limitations imposed upon us. C. This is only a temporary period. D. One's physical presence at the celebration of Holy Mass, even without the reception of Holy Communion, is immeasurably efficacious. To be physically present to our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, even if we are temporarily unable to physically consume his Most Sacred Body and Precious Blood, is of tremendous benefit to us. Our plan is to resume distribution of Holy Communion within the next few weeks.

A few notes for us specifically at St. Gertrude's Catholic Church.

- 1- **PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS WILL STARTED THE WEEKEND of June 13 and 14.** We will be following our normal schedule (5 PM Saturday, 7:30 AM on Sunday, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM).
- 2- Sunday Mass will be held in the Parish Center due to the construction and renovation equipment around the parish as well as health and safety concerns.
- 3- We are to follow the directives from the Diocese as stated above.
- 4- **Daily Mass started its regular schedule on Friday (June 12 at 8:30 AM).** This will be done in the Church until interior renovations start.
- 5- Please bring your own mask. Masks will be provided but we are limited in our supplies. On a personal note I would ask that we make a polite effort to comply with the directives of the Diocese for the purpose of health and safety. This is, hopefully, only a brief moment in our family history and we will get through it together.

As stated above we have begun our restoration projects. Aiello Construction has begun professionally working on our roof and building the bathroom-addition. In the upcoming weeks the entire exterior will be completed. Since (1) we have restrictions in the amount of people that can gather and also other restrictions as well as (2) our response to our capital campaign; we have moved towards doing the interior restoration sooner rather than later. This includes the flooring, pews and lighting. My hope is that the weekend we come back to “normalcy” we walk into a bright, clean and beautiful Church which demonstrates the unyielding love of Jesus and the warmth of the people here at St. Gertrude’s.

Please pray for us as we walk through this pilgrimage of faith together. Please pay attention to our Facebook page and our website. If you are not on our email list and want updates please email me at [frdaveregan@yahoo.com](mailto:frdaveregan@yahoo.com)

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Rev. Dave Regan (Pastor) [frdaveregan@yahoo.com](mailto:frdaveregan@yahoo.com)

**50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE**  
**PRIESTLY ORDINATION**  
**REVEREND PETER F. KACZMAREK**

Fr. Peter Kaczmarek, former Pastor at St. Gertrude's, celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on December 19, 2019. We at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (where Fr. Peter is currently Pastor) were planning on marking this milestone with a big celebration in June. While hosting such an event is not possible during this time of social distancing, we can still remember this important and blessed day!

We will be creating a *Keepsake Scrapbook* for Fr. Peter as a special gift!

You can participate in this remembrance by writing Fr. Peter a note or letter of congratulations and gratitude, sharing with him how his years of priestly service have touched you in some special way. Please attach any photo you may have of you, your family, or a group with Fr. Peter at any moment or parish event you have attended. We will present this special gift

to Fr. Peter on:

**SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2020 - 2:00pm - at a special 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Drive-By**  
**at St. Francis Church**

**PLEASE NOTE - THIS IS A SURPRISE!!!**

You can email your message to us at [stfrancisgreenlawn@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisgreenlawn@gmail.com)

Use **Attention Religious Ed** as the subject

**OR**

You can send your message by mail to:

St. Francis of Assisi Church

ATT: Religious Education

29 Northgate Drive, Greenlawn NY 11740

Feel free to join us at the drive-by!

***Please send us your note as soon as possible!***  
***(no later than Wednesday June 24, 2020)***



Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement? Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their

relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on August 7, 8, 9 2020.

For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032

or visit [www.engagedencounterli.org](http://www.engagedencounterli.org)

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Happy Father's Day! Why not give your husband a gift of a lifetime by spending a special weekend away with each other. Learn how to have a great marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 6-8, 2020 in Huntington, NY and Jul 9-30, 2020 in VIRTUAL, CT. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

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)

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



# 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>.

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[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.***

**A bequest for your parish in your Will is a perfect way to leave your legacy in the faith community you love. You demonstrate a commitment to the long-term vitality and financial well-being of your parish and the ministries of the Diocese that mean so much to you.**

**We call it your Legacy of Faith.**

**Alongside your bequests for loved ones, would be a provision for your parish and/or the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

**Here is sample language that your attorney can use to prepare your bequest:**

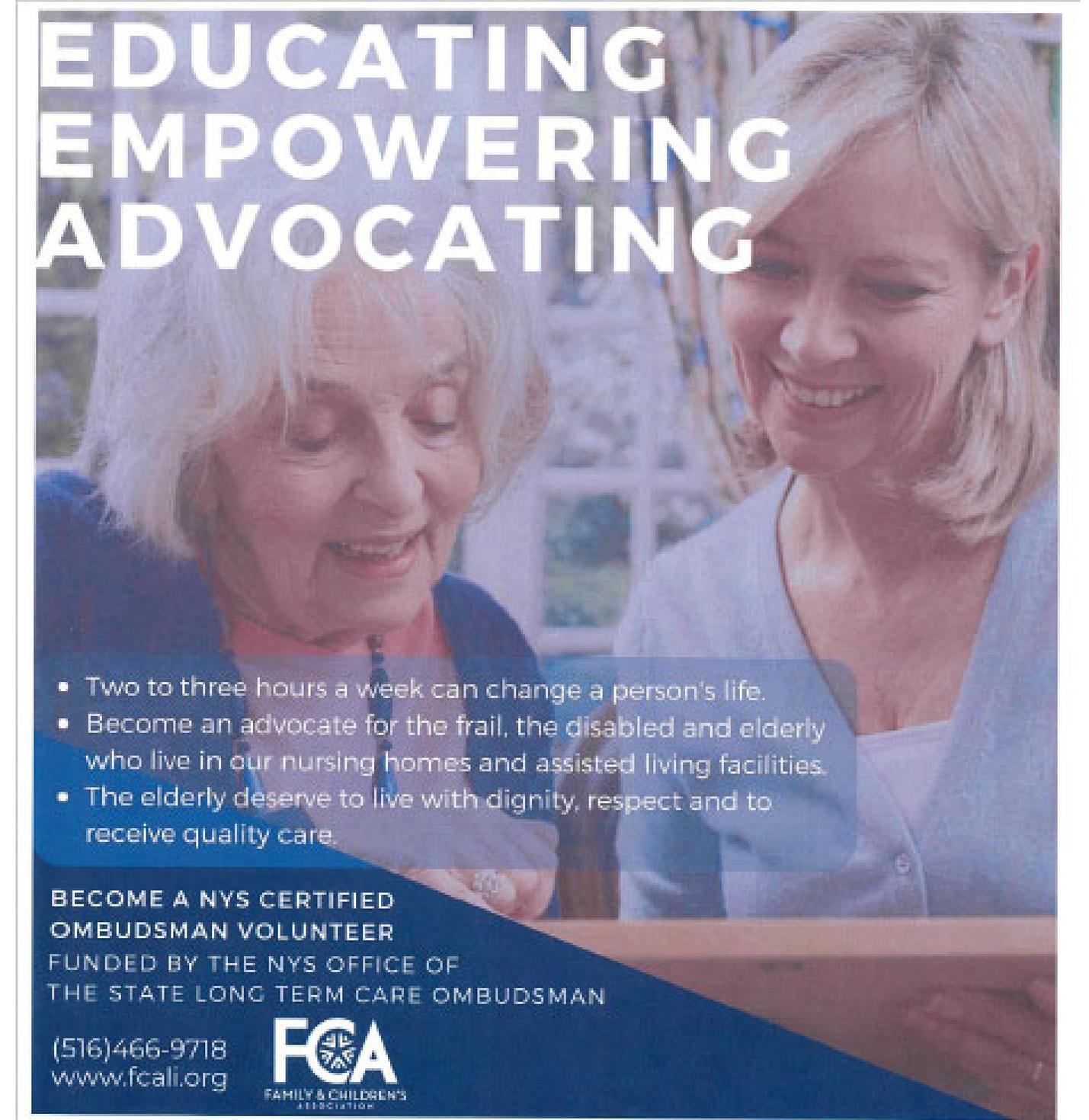
*I hereby give, devise and bequeath to your parish's name or Catholic Ministries Appeal of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, federal tax ID number 11-1837437, whose current address is 50 North Park Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY 11570, the sum of \$ insert dollar amount to be used for that Parish's or Catholic Ministries Appeal most urgent priorities.*

**You do not have to tell anyone - but we hope you will. If you tell your pastor or us, you'll give us the opportunity to thank you.**

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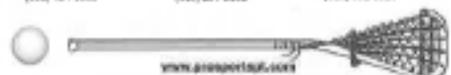


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