

# 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).*

JULY 5  
2020

Jesus said,

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart;  
and you will find rest for yourselves.”

Matthew 11:29

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

## Remembering. . .

### Sunday, July 5

- 7:30am      Rosary Guild, living & deceased  
 9:30am      For the Parishioner of St. Gertrude  
 11:30am     Augustin Chabrier +

### Monday, July 6

- 8:30am      Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello & family +

### Tuesday, July 7

- 8:30am      Deacon Al Leasiolagi +

### Wednesday, July 8

- 8:30am      Manuela Sabin +

### Thursday, July 9

- 8:30am      Col. Michael M. Jones +  
 LTC Alan D. Madden +

### Friday, July 10

- 8:30am      Kevin Keating +

### Saturday, July 11

- 8:30am      Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +  
 5:00pm      In Thanksgiving & a Special Intention

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

**Psalm** — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also

(Romans 8:9, 11-13).

**Gospel** — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

#### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 5, 2020

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

— *Matthew 11:28*

#### Reflection on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times:

#### **SHARE THE BURDEN**

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). These words of our Savior seem to be in stark contrast to the previous chapter from the same Gospel, when we were told that if we do not take up our crosses, we are not worthy of Christ. Connecting these two messages might help us on our faith journeys. Being a follower of Christ surely means that we must embrace the cross, in its mystery of both suffering and triumph. This is something that we need not do alone, for the burden is often too heavy for us to carry by ourselves. Who, then, do we turn to? We can turn to the Body of Christ—the community of disciples gathered for worship. When we find the burden too heavy, let us remember that we can share that burden with our Christian sisters and brothers, who can help bring us rest.

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#### **FINDING PEACE**

If you want peace, work for justice.

—Pope Paul VI

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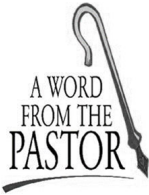
Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel that he is “meek and humble of heart.” Yet just a few lines before this, he says that he is equal to his Father, the almighty God. So how can the Son of God be both meek and mighty?

Jesus’ meekness meant doing the will of God completely. The challenge for us comes in his words “learn from me.” We must learn to do God’s will as completely as Jesus did.

First, to be complete means that we do all that God wants from us. We cannot pick and choose what we want to do and what we want to ignore. For example, we may reserve the right to decide which teachings of the Church we will follow. But doing God’s will completely means doing it without reservation.

Second, we may try to do all that God asks, but give up if something becomes too difficult. We may say we forgive someone, for example, but when they reject that forgiveness, we become even angrier. We can learn from Jesus how to do each part of God’s will to completion, as Jesus did all the way to the cross.

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Four years ago, I arrived at St. Gertrude’s as a brand new, first time pastor. When Bishop Murphy called to inform me that he had named me to be pastor here, it was among the happiest days of my life. This parish family was easy to fall in love with.

The “Family is the School of Love.” Those words are from Pp. St. John Paul II. Those words are very true for this parish family. Love is learned, formed, given and received here. It is a privilege to watch how love transforms and is victorious in the lives of my family at St.

Gertrude’s. Thank you for letting me be part of that.

It is with very mixed emotions that I write to inform you that effective in August I will become the next pastor of Holy Name of Mary Church and School in Valley Stream. I am joyful to serve, without reservation, but I am deeply saddened upon having to leave this parish that I love so deeply.

Msgr. Robert Morrissey has been named the new pastor of St. Gertrude’s. He is a wise, loving and gentle shepherd who will fall in love with this parish family so quickly. I am very happy for him, as a brother priest, to be given this specific community to love.

These four years with you have been incredible. I never expected I would leave so soon, but I trust God’s will and believe he has a plan for each one of us. I am grateful for Bishop Murphy for assigning me here and Bishop Barres for allowing me to serve. Above that I am grateful for each one of you.

Please pray for me as I move to Holy Name of Mary and take on new responsibilities. Without a doubt you are in my prayers and in my heart. May God bless you abundantly.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.... Our Lady Mother of Mercy, Pray for us,

St. Gertrude, Pray for us.... St. Joseph, Pray for us.

*Father David Regan*



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: I Heard the Voice of Jesus**

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest; Lay down thou weary one, lay down Thy head up—on my breast”. I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

**Offertory Hymn: Like a Shepard**

Refrain: Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.

- 1. Say to the cities of Judath: Prepare the way of the Lord. Go to the mountain top, lift your voice: Jerusalem, here is your God.
- 2. I myself will shepherd them, for the others have led them astray. The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and pasture them, giving them rest.

**Communion Hymn: One Love Released**

Refrain: One bread, one body, one cup, one call, one faith, one Spirit present in us all. One prayer, one blessing, one hope, one peace, one church, one people, one love released.

- 1. Is not this bread we share, the body of our Lord? Is not this wine we drink, the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 2. I am the bread of life, eat and you shall live. To those who share this meal, my strength I’ll always give.



**Recessional Hymn: America the Beautiful**

1. O Beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shinning sea.

**Sunday Readings, July 5, 2020, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1 Zec 9:9-10**

Thus says the LORD:

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king shall come to you;  
a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass.  
He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim,  
and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations.  
His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14**

**R. (cf. 1) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. or: R. Alleluia.**

I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. or: R. Alleluia.**

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. or: R. Alleluia.**

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. or: R. Alleluia.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works.  
The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. or: R. Alleluia.**

**Reading 2 Rom 8:9, 11-13**

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

**Gospel Mt 11:25-30**

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

# 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!**

## For Those Who Need Our Prayers:

Tom Kolakowski    Jack Caputo    Michael Domaradzki    Dennis Finn    Elizabeth Finn, Jr.  
 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.



John Scelzi

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

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)





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

"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." The Lord's goodness dwells in our marriage. Open up the secret of His goodness 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)



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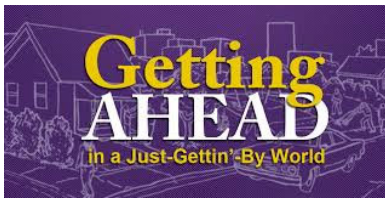
## FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

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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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.**

**For an informational brochure about Wills and Bequests, you can speak to Barbara Kilarjian, Director of the Office of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, at 516-678-5800 x 257 or email her at [bkilarjian@drvc.org](mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org).**

**This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an Attorney, Tax Advisor or investment professional.**



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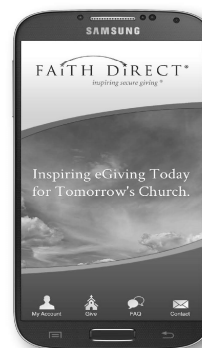
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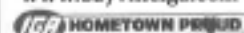
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