

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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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).

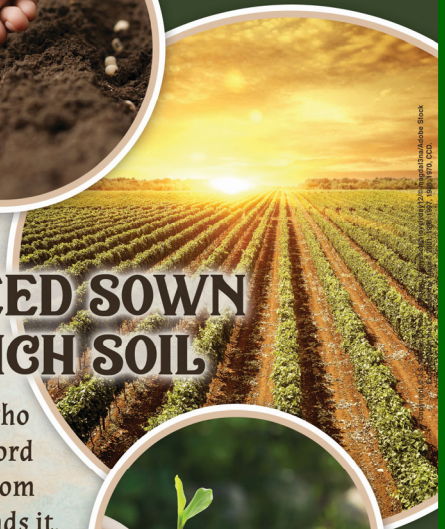
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

THE SEED SOWN ON RICH SOIL

is the one who hears the word of the kingdom and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23



Remembering. . .

Sunday, July 12

- 7:30am Anthony Livors +
 9:30am For the Parishioner of St. Gertrude
 11:30am Dominick & Catherine Carbone +

Monday, July 13

- 8:30am Harry Porteus +
 Oronzo Guarnieri +

Tuesday, July 14

- 8:30am Manuela Sabin +

Wednesday, July 15

- 8:30am John Martin Hanley +

Thursday, July 16

- 8:30am Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +

Friday, July 17

- 8:30am DeCesare family +

Saturday, July 18

- 8:30am William Fennelly +
 5:00pm For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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



Manuela Sabin

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2020

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
 and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.
 — *Psalm 65:12*

The Word's Return: Reflection on the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word—and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel, especially.

Again we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit.

As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land, to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (see John 7:38; Revelation 22:1).

The firstfruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle (see Romans 5:5; 8:15-16). In this, we are made a "new creation" (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), the firstfruits of a new heaven and a new earth (see 2 Peter 3:13).

Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see Genesis 3:17-19; 5:29). But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading.

His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness.

And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day (see Mark 4:29; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 1:10)—when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.

By Dr. Scott Hahn



**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, August 9th—Fr. Regan's
Going Away Mass/Reception**

Let us join together to wish Fr. Regan well in his next assignment and personally thank him for all he has done for our Parish.

- 11:30am Mass with catered reception to follow on the side lawn of the Rectory
- Following regulatory guidelines, seating is limited to 150 people on a first come, first serve basis
- Masks must be worn
- Please come or stop by to show Fr. Regan your appreciation for all he has done for St. Gertrudes

For further info. or any questions, please contact Anne Marie Bianco 628-3651 or Vicki Siegel 628-1632.

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: Christ, Be Our Light

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered to day.

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Offertory Hymn: Your Words Are Spirit and Life

Refrain: Your words are spirit and life, O Lord: richer than gold, stronger than death. Your words are spirit and life, O Lord; life ever lasting.

1. God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul, reviving the weary spirit. God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom, brining God's wisdom to birth.
2. God's precepts keep us; their purpose is right. They gladden the hearts of people. God's command is so clear it brings us new vision; bringing God's light to our eyes.

Communion Hymn: Seed, Scattered and Sown

Refrain: Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown, bread, broken and shared as one, the living bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all; the living bread of God.

1. The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die. The seed with in good ground will flower and have life.

Recessional Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies: Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light: Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

Sunday Readings, July 12, 2020, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1, Is 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD:

Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

R. (Lk 8:8) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it.

God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods,

Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;

The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Reading 2 Rom 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

In the shorter form of the reading, the passages in brackets are omitted.

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

[The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because

they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.

Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see.

Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes,

lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and right-eous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."]

It is our pleasure to share with you our next pastor, Monsignor Robert Morrissey's background.

**The Reverend Monsignor Robert Owen Morrissey, J.C.D.
Judicial Vicar/Newly Appointed Pastor**

Born in Brooklyn on January 29, 1956, Monsignor Robert Morrissey was raised in Merrick, NY where he attended Curé of Ars School. He continued his education at St. Pius X Preparatory Seminary, Uniondale, NY and was graduated from Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception, Douglaston, NY with a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy.

He studied for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY receiving a Masters in Divinity and was ordained a priest in 1983. He served as an Associate Pastor at Blessed Sacrament Church, Valley Stream, NY until 1988. At that time he was appointed Chaplain at Franklin Hospital Medical Center in Valley Stream, NY serving from 1988 until 1991. During that time he was appointed Associate Director of Chaplaincy Services.

He was sent for further studies in Canon Law and received a Licentiate in Canon Law from Catholic University of America, Washington, DC in 1992. He pursued doctoral studies and received a Doctorate in Canon Law *Magna Cum Laude* from the University of St. Thomas in Rome, Italy in 1995.

He was appointed Adjutant Judicial Vicar of the Diocesan Tribunal in 1992 and served as a Judge at the Tribunal until 2001 when he was appointed Vice Chancellor. From 1995 until 2003 he served as Administrator of Our Lady of the Magnificat Summer Mission in Ocean Beach, NY.

In 2003 he was appointed by Bishop Murphy to be Secretary to the Bishop. In 2005, Father Morrissey was named as a *Chaplain to His Holiness* by Pope John Paul II, with the title, "Monsignor."

In his position as Secretary to the Bishop, Monsignor Morrissey served the Bishop as secretary, Master of Ceremonies and canonical advisor. He continued to serve as Vice Chancellor, Executive Secretary of the Presbyteral Council, member of the College of Consultors and as a Judge of the Tribunal in the Metropolitan Court of Second Instance.

In January 2018, Bishop Barres appointed Msgr. Morrissey Judicial Vicar for the Tribunal of the Diocese of Rockville Centre with residence at St. Agnes Cathedral.

Msgr. Morrissey will continue as Judicial Vicar at the Tribunal as he assumes his new assignment as pastor of the Church of St. Gertrude in August.

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
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Capt. Thomas E. Rojek	Cpl. Brendan Roethel	Spc. Chase Tucker
M Sgt. Donald J. Tucker	Sp. Trevor Tebaldi	Sgt. William Trotta, Jr.
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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

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

June 28, 2020: \$7,349.00

July 5, 2020: \$ 10,152.00



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, or text the word ENROLL to (Text-to-Give Phone Number).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

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

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

As of Tuesday, June 9th 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 1st 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 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 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 Church until interior renovations no longer allow it.
- 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

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

Rev. Dave Regan (Pastor) frdaveregan@yahoo.com

**BISHOP JOHN O. BARRES
ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
JUNE 20, 2020
PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION
2020 REMARKS**

On June 20th, our Diocese received a double blessing when Bishop Barres ordained two more men to serve God's people in this time and place as members of Christ's priesthood. With great generosity of mind, heart, and spirit, Fr. John Crozier and Fr. Rafal Borowiejski have willingly dedicated their lives to Christ and have become wonderful role models for all of us, by placing their trust in Jesus and answering the call to follow Him more closely.

These two men are exemplary reminders to all of us - no matter what our vocation: married, single, religious, or clergy - our Baptismal call and responsibility is to become active participants in the service of *Dramatic Missionary Growth*. Christ calls and challenges each one of us to live this way at every age and stage of our lives. As faithful stewards, we know that God has given us so much and we are called to be good stewards of what we have been given. The generous witness of Frs. Crozier and Borowiejski encourages us to listen closely to God and to find out how we can be good stewards of the unique gifts He has given us.

With gratitude to God for this double blessing to our Diocese, let us pray for Fr. John Crozier and Fr. Rafal Borowiejski that they will always trust and find their strength in Jesus as they guide His flock throughout their lives. Let us pray for them as they build their priestly lives - and help us to build ours for the greater honor and glory of God and the sanctification of His people. May God and His Blessed Mother always bless and keep them!

Finally, let us also pray for Bishop Barres' intention - in honor of his 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood - that 30 young men may enter the seminary in August 2020.

***"The truest desires and greatest longings of the human heart are found in God;
the way that He helps us to recognize that most clearly is through the
encounter with His Church and, in a particular way, through his priests."
- Reverend John Crozier, Ordained June 20, 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

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

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



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

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

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



Resources Available

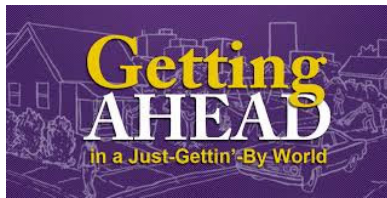
FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

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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“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



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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.

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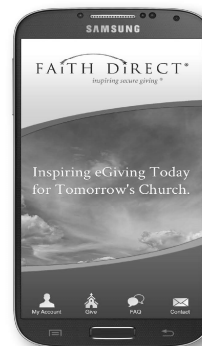
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