

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

## CLERGY OF THE PARISH

Rev. Msgr. Robert O. Morrissey, Pastor  
Rev. Gabriel Miah, Assoc. Pastor

## PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am–4:00pm  
(closed from 12-12:30pm for lunch)  
Friday: Closed

## 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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and  
Benediction 1:00pm to 3:00pm Wednesdays  
except holidays

### Reconciliation/Confession:

Saturdays: 4:00-5:00pm & by appointment

## 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:

St. Gertrude: Friday 8:30am-9:30am

United Methodist: Every other Sat. 9:00am-12:00pm



St. Vincent de Paul (516) 584-4090

Furniture: 516-746-8250

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

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## PARISH CENTER

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### Religious Education:

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 8  
2021**

The bread that I will give is my  
flesh for the life of the world.

John 6:51



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).*

## Remembering. . .

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 8</b>
7:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
9:30am	Nieves & Manuela Sobrino +
11:30am	Joseph Dioguardi, Jr. +
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>August 9</b>
8:30am	Alexander Artesani +
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>August 10</b>
8:30am	Antoinette Carbone +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>August 11</b>
8:30am	Michael Kennedy +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>August 12</b>
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>August 13</b>
8:30am	Antonia Marie Hili +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 14</b>
8:30am	James & Vivian Lorenzo +
5:00pm	Alice Farren + Anthony Feeney + Bernard Feeney + Mary Murphy Nee Feeney +

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** – After resting and taking nourishment twice, Elijah is strengthened to walk to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

**Psalm** – Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** – Be sealed by the Holy Spirit of God so as to be imitators of God and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2).

**Gospel** – Jesus professes that he is the living bread and whoever eats this bread will live forever (John 6:41-51).

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**Presider's Schedule:** (subject to change)  
 Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm—Msgr. Morrissey  
 Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>: 7:30am—Fr. Gabriel  
 9:30am—Msgr. Morrissey  
 11:30am—Fr. Gabriel

### Take and Eat: Reflection on the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us.

We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to “murmur” against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see [Exodus 16:2, 7, 8](#); [1 Corinthians 10:10](#)).

The Gospel today uses the same word, “murmur,” to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert.

Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the “son” of Joseph and Mary.

Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm.

At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see [Exodus 3:1-2](#)), touches us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world (see [Matthew 26:26](#)).

This taste of the heavenly gift (see [Hebrews 6:4-5](#)) comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need—as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert.

So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see [Isaiah 63:10](#)).

Let us say to God as Elijah did, “Take my life.” Not in the sense of wanting to die but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

By Dr. Scott Hahn

### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8, 2021**

I am the living bread  
 that came down from heaven.  
 —*John 6:51*



## REBOUNDED FROM COVID:

Dear Parishioners,

On the weekend of August 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> the dispensation from Sunday Mass will end throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Our Bishop and the leadership of the Diocese has safely waited for this long and extraordinary dispensation to conclude. That basically means that we are returning to pre-Covid Mass obligations.

If you are sick, you should not come to church. If you are well, then, as Catholics, we are obliged to come to Mass. This announcement will not be made before Mass because the folks hearing it (many of you) have already returned! But this notification is being made in the bulletin, Facebook, and the website so that others may know that the dispensation is ending soon. Please help us to get the word out there. Why is it important to return to church for the Masses? Well, our physical presence gives testimony to belonging and being faithful to Christ and to His Church. Your presence is a testimony to others of God's importance in your life and our collective dependence upon his grace for our salvation. Your presence (our mutual "accompaniment," as Pope Francis says) helps strengthen others. As Catholics, active participation at the table of the Eucharist is absolutely vital for our spiritual nourishment, that which no other can satisfy! The celebration of the Eucharist consists of two tables: the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. While the table of the Word may be satisfied by watching/listening to the TV, the table of the Eucharist absolutely cannot. The Eucharist needs to be celebrated in communion with the community. Pope Francis emphasized this fact in February 2021 when he said:

**"The Mass cannot simply be 'listened to': it is also an incorrect expression, 'I am going to listen to Mass.' Mass cannot merely be listened to, as if we were just spectators of something that slips away without our involvement. Mass is always celebrated, and not only by the priest who presides at it, but by all Christians who experience it. And the center is Christ! All of us, in the diversity of gifts and ministries, join in His action, because He, Christ, is the Protagonist of the liturgy."**

For all these reasons, I urge you to kindly consider a return to worship in the church, and to invite back other family members, neighbors, and friends. To be clear again, if your health is fragile, if you are ill, homebound, or bedridden, know that we are praying for you and are genuinely concerned about your well-being.

Please, God, we will soon be able to return and schedule home visits from one of our Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick to offer the Eucharist in your home to fortify you with its spiritual nourishment.

No Catholic (in a state of grace) should ever be deprived of the Eucharist.

Since each one of us is commissioned by Christ to bring "glad tidings" to others, you can also make an effort to tell your family and friends to come back to Celebrate the Eucharist in person. Thank you for your patience and, most importantly, for your cooperation during these trying times.

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

*Msgr. Morrissey*

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church makes it amply clear in #2182: "Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."**



Peggy Hesse Becky Browning

Call the Parish office to add a person to our prayer list. Names will remain for 6 weeks. Please also 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 Glem Harvey  
 Major Nicholas Lorusso  
 Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz  
 PFC Matthew A. Passero  
 Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez  
 Capt. Thomas E. Rojek  
 ENS Patrick Hesse USN  
 LT Terrance Thorgramson  
 LT Emily W. Hegarty  
 US Army E-1 Richard F. Charon

LT Cmdr. Melissa Buffa  
 Major Janet R. Erazo  
 PO3 Gregory Steiner  
 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  
 LT Alexander Van Patten USAF  
 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. We cannot update this list without your help.



### St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:

**Black beans, jar pasta sauce, spaghetti, peanut butter and jelly, vegetable or canola oil, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, coffee, plastic bottles of juice, paper towels, toilet paper, baby wipes, baby diapers in sizes 2, 4, 5 & 6, deodorant, shampoo and hand wash.**

Donations to be placed in back of church under choir loft.

**Pantry hours are every Friday from 8:30am—9:30am in the lower Church.**

United Methodist Church Outreach. 9 Mountain Ave, Bayville. Food pantry opened every OTHER Saturday 9-12. Please call Ann Albro @ 516-647-5943 for any questions.

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



Josephine A. Lampe

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

### Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):  
 August 1, 2021: \$ 7,902.00



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

### Faith Direct

Do you have summer vacation plans this month or next? Remember to plan for your offertory as well! When summer getaways take you out of town on Sundays, eGiving lets you continue to support St. Gertrude and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish in the busy summer months and throughout the year. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct](http://faith.direct) NY83, or text 'Enroll' to 516-494-7947. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



# SAVE THE DATE!

## Friday, Nov. 12th, 2021

### American Legion Robert H. Spittel Post 1285 Annual Veterans Day Dinner/Dance

Soundview Caterers • 45 Bayville Avenue • Bayville, NY

**Call Pete at: 628-2512 or Rich at: 628-1993**

**7 PM to 12 PM • Open Bar • Sit Down Dinner • DJ • Dancing • Basket Raffles • 50/50 Club**



Introducing SVDPLI'S New  
Communion Closet

SVDPLI's Parish Conferences  
will be collecting gently used  
Communion dresses and suits.

Donated dresses and suits will  
be distributed prior to the First

Holy Communion ceremonies of 2022 at an  
organized "selection spree" event.

For more info. on how to participate in this  
unique clothing drive, please contact  
Monique Love @ 516-822-3132.



### THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE POOR 5K WALK



*"The Journey of Hope Continues..."*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join us  
to walk 3.1 miles or make a donation to help.

Saturday, September 25<sup>TH</sup>

Bethpage Community Park

Check-in: 9 AM Walk Start: 10 AM

To register or donate:  
[runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com)  
search SVDPLI

For more information: [info@svdpli.org](mailto:info@svdpli.org)  
[svdpli.org](https://svdpli.org)



**2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal for  
St. Gertrude's:**

**Goal: \$55,000. Pledges to date: \$33,270  
(88 pledges). 60.49% of our parish goal.**

If we meet our goal of \$55,000 then our Parish  
will receive 20% back (\$11,000). For any  
amounts over the \$55k raised, we get back  
80%!!!!



*Welcome Our Newly  
Baptized*

Mia Loren Marchini

### NEW SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be **closed** on **Fridays** during  
the summer months of July & August. We are sorry  
for any inconvenience caused. In case of an  
emergency, please call the rectory at 628-1113.



Registration for Religious Education for 2021-2022 school year has  
begun. Parents have been emailed the registration materials. If there are any  
families who have recently moved to the area, or who have a child entering first  
grade in September, please contact Dr. Sheehan at [faithformation@stgerts.org](mailto:faithformation@stgerts.org) or at (516) 628-2432 to  
find out more about the program.



St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild announces a  
**SUMMER SPLASH RAFFLE**  
**\$ 10,000 PRIZE**  
**\$100 PER TICKET**

**ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD**

Write a check for yourself or get together with friends but take the plunge! Complete and return the form below and send it along with your check to the rectory or drop into the collection. If you would rather, you can see a Guild member after Sunday Masses. Prize will be drawn after the 11:30 am Mass Sunday, September 5, 2021.

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Numbered Raffle Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

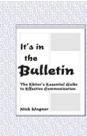
Tel ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild

For additional information: 516-404-4398 or [sonspace@aol.com](mailto:sonspace@aol.com)

**ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2021 TACHS**  
**Exam Prep Course**  
**September 18th and 25th and October 2, 23, and 30th**  
**9:00 am – 11:30 am**  
**Course Fee \$275**  
**Contact Mrs. Stutzmann at 516-922-4888 Ext. 5241**

Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC), a ministry of two communities coming together as one, is having a full-day retreat on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at Camp Alvernia in Centerport, NY. Adults with disabilities and able-bodied volunteers will nurture their spiritual growth, share the good news of the risen Christ, increase awareness of self worth and come together as friends. Looking for some new friends to join us - both adults with disabilities and volunteers (18+ please). All participants must be fully vaccinated. For information: (631) 806-6213 / [DianafromHEC@gmail.com](mailto:DianafromHEC@gmail.com) or Bob Tolan at (516) 241-4122 / [rtolan@mtb.com](mailto:rtolan@mtb.com).



As a reminder, if you are not able to attend Mass one week, you can receive the bulletin directly by signing up at <https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com> or <https://www.jspaluch.com/Subscribe>.

Alternatively, please call the Parish office at (516)628-1113 to share your email with us and we can place you on the distribution list.

Please take this bulletin with you as you leave the Church.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>. Jesus is the living bread. Put God in your marriage. Look on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website for the next experience near you.



*"Only by loving, serving others, can people come to know God."*  
Pope Francis



Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities Programs serve people in our community by providing food, clothing, shelter, counseling and care. And most importantly, it lets those we serve know that God loves them and is with them during the difficult times in their lives.

***PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal!*** Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Please make check payable to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you!

**Supervisor Joseph Saladino** and  
**Town Clerk Rich LaMarca** invite you to a

*Happy Couple's Day*  
*Vow Renewal*



**Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM**  
**Theodore Roosevelt Beach in Oyster Bay**

**FREE Vow Renewal**

**FREE Refreshments**

**FREE Professional Photography**

**RSVP BY AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**TO (516) 624-6380**

*Please bring a copy of your wedding  
photo and your love for one another*

Town Supervisor

**JOSEPH SALADINO**

Town Board

Michelle M. Johnson  
Thomas P. Haral  
Loree L. Miller  
Town Clerk  
Richard Loffredo



Louis B. Imbriola  
Steve Labriola  
Victor Walsh  
Deputy Town Clerk  
Jeffrey P. Pizzuto

# Holy Trinity High School presents: Summer's Last Hurrah Raffle



**Virtual drawing to be held Friday, August 27, 2021.  
Tickets are \$25 each. If you purchase 4 for \$100, you will  
receive 1 Bonus Ticket for FREE!**

**Only 2,000 \$25 tickets will be sold!**

## **PRIZES\*:**

**1st prize \$10,000 or 1 full year Holy Trinity tuition**

**2nd prize \$2,500**

**3rd prize \$1,000**

**Visit [holytrinityhs.org/summer-raffle](https://holytrinityhs.org/summer-raffle) to print flyer or  
Text SummerRaffle to 41444 (Debit Card Only!) to purchase your tickets!**

\*Prize money based on 2,000 \$25 tickets being sold. If less than this amount is sold, prizes will be pro-rated accordingly.

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THE FATHER  
MYCHAL JUDGE

911

WALK OF  
REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER 5th, 2021

We honor the memory of those lost on 911, we trace the footsteps of Father Mychal Judge in the spirit of prayer and remembrance.

9:30am - Rosary: St. Francis of Assisi RC Church

10:00am - Walk Begins: E1/L24 FDNY 31st St. & 7th Ave.

~2:00pm - Walk Concludes at St. Peters RC Church  
Barclay Street NYC

All are invited to walk the route down 7th Avenue that Father Mychal and so many others travelled on that fateful day. FDNY units and NYPD precincts will be honored as we pray and remember.

911WalkOfRemembrance@gmail.com • www.911WalkOfRemembrance.com  
646.856.WALK

## REMEMBER OUR PARISH



**For more information about remembering the Parish in your will or living trust, or to request a brochure, please contact Barbara Kilarjian, at 516-678-5800 x257 or email [bkilarjian@drvc.org](mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org).**

***Please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to our Parish.***

A gift to us in your Will or Trust affirms your everlasting commitment to the Parish's life and works.

You can instruct your attorney to use this wording:

*I hereby give, devise and bequeath to <insert parish name>, with offices at <insert parish address>, the sum of \$\_ to be used for its most urgent needs.*

As an alternative, you can make a gift of what remains in your estate or living trust after all other bequests and expenses have been paid:

*I hereby give, devise and bequeath to <insert parish name>, with offices at <insert parish address>, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate (trust) to be used for its most urgent needs.*



Msgr. Jim Vlaun  
Executive Producer  
[www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com)

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Again, a sincere thanks for your longtime support!

Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Host

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1200 Glenn Curtiss Blvd., Uniondale, New York 11553 Phone (516)538-8704 Fax (516)489-9701

# 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>.



### “Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting 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)

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## 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

## CALLED TO BE A DEACON?

*If you are discerning a vocation to the diaconate, you and your wife are invited to attend an*

### INFORMATION SESSION

#### ONE OF THREE MEETING DATES:

7:00 PM Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

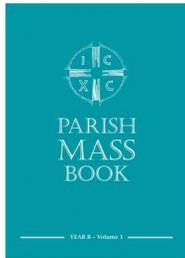
7:00 PM Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

at the

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743.

To reserve a place at one of the meetings, contact Carol Rizzotti, at 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or email [diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org).





## MASS INTENTIONS

One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or

intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

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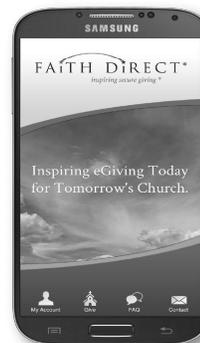
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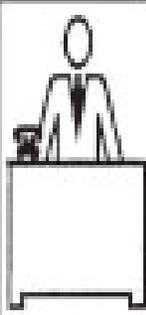
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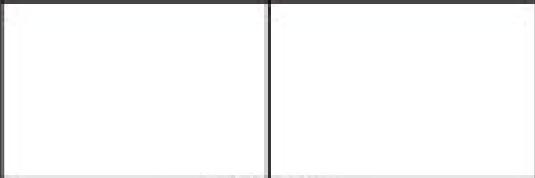
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