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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE Masses—HELD IN THE PARISH CENTER

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: Friday 9:00am-10:00am

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Please join us this Sunday, August 16th in the Parish Center immediately following the 11:30am Mass to wish Fr. Ed **all our best wishes** and thank him for his service at our Church. Light refreshments will be served.

PARISH CENTER

Preschool:

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

Religious Education:

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



Remembering...

SUNDAY August 16

7:30am For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude

9:30am Edward Gormley +

11:30am Dominick & Catherine Carbone +

MONDAY August 17

8:30am Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +

TUESDAY August 18

8:30am Raffaele Pipolo +

WEDNESDAY August 19

8:30am Manuela Sabin +

THURSDAY August 20

8:30am Joseph & Ida Barnao +

FRIDAY August 21

8:30am John Scelzi +

SATURDAY August 22

8:30am Nita DeCesare +

Richard John Ellis +

Anne Dannebaum +

Nieves Sobrino +

5:00pm For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm – O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2020

Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

- Isaiah 56:1

A Foreigner's Faith: Reflection on the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Most of us are the foreigners, the non-Israelites, about whom today's First Reading prophesies.

Coming to worship the God of Israel, we stand in the line of faith epitomized by the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. Calling to Jesus as Lord and Son of David, this foreigner shows her great faith in God's covenant with Israel.

Jesus tests her faith three times. He refuses to answer her cry. Then, He tells her His mission is only to Israelites. Finally, He uses "dog," an epithet used to disparage non-Israelites (see <u>Matthew 7:6</u>). Yet she persists, believing that He alone offers salvation.

In this family drama, we see fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and the promise we sing of in today's Psalm. In Jesus, God makes known among all the nations His way and His salvation (see John 14:6).

At the start of salvation history, God called Abraham (see <u>Genesis 12:2</u>). He chose his offspring, Israel, from all the nations on the face of the earth to build His covenant kingdom (see <u>Deuteronomy 7:6–8; Isaiah 41:8</u>).

In God's plan, Abraham was to be the father of many nations (see <u>Romans 4:16-17</u>). Israel was to be the firstborn of a worldwide family of God, made up of all who believe what the Canaanite professes—that Jesus is Lord (see <u>Exodus 4:22-23</u>; <u>Romans 5:13-24</u>).

Jesus came first to restore the kingdom to Israel (see Acts 1:6; 13:46). But His ultimate mission was the reconciliation of the world, as Paul declares in today's Epistle. In the Mass we join all peoples in doing Him homage. As Isaiah foretold, we come to His holy mountain, the heavenly Jerusalem, to offer sacrifice at His altar (see Hebrews 12:22 –24, 28). With the Canaanite, we take our place at the Master's table to be fed as His children.

By Dr. Scott Hahn

There are times when we are gifted to have the right words to convey a feeling or experience. However, there are also times when a feeling or experience can only be expressed in laughter or tears.

That is how I feel about my experience with my parish family as we gathered during last week to remember what we have done together for 4 years. There is a special place in the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the people of St. Gertrude's. We truly are the heartbeat of the North Shore. Many people contributed to last week's gathering. It's hard to thank everyone. When offering a thank you I find that once in a while I end up leaving someone out. Please know that if someone is left out it's not intentional. But I want to name those who helped put the gathering together. Mike Aiello, John Moller, the Salerno family, the Gaye family, the Murray family, the Bianco family, Vickie & Ed Siegel, the Libertini family, John Mallatino, Jim Sheehan, Margie, Keira, Hope and Barbara, Paula Kenny, Irene Tarnowski, Mickey Madden, Pat O'Donnell, Nancy Burgie, Pat Pierno, Kathy Borg, Beth Germano, Marylou Fusillo, Ed Willie, Michael Collins and the Knights of Columbus and the Rosary Guild.

I would be remiss if I did not take this moment to offer thanks to my staff and Deacon Ted. Tina and her teachers, Byron, Marie and Michele, Jeanne and Fran have been a wonderful support to this pastor and the parish. They are dedicated and generous with their talents. The Church is in good hands with all of them serving the parish families. Deacon Ted has been a wonderful co-worker in the kingdom. He is always available to give insight and a peaceful presence to anyone at any time.

Among all the things right and wrong I have done, probably the best thing I have done was to bring Dr. James Sheehan on board. This man knows how to motivate, form, educate and lead our faith formation. St. Pp, John Paul II stated that "The youth are not the saints of tomorrow but rather of today." His dedication to the young people and families of this parish is unparalled. He spends hours in preparation, prayer and planning as he delivers a faith formation program that is dynamic and exciting.

We have a great army of leaders and volunteers. Outreach heroically touches the lives of people in so many various ways. Our music ministry proclaims Jesus in song. Our EME's bring Jesus to the homebound, our lectors proclaim words about the Living Word and our catechists make Jesus alive and relevant for our children. The Holy Spirit is alive and present here.

Above all are our families that are wonderful. Please go out of your way to see God's great gift to you in your spouses, children, siblings and parents.

I am simply writing to say thank you. You are such an amazing congregation and it has been such as blessing to be your pastor. I am continually blown away by your compassion, generosity and willingness to serve. I can only hope that I have inspired all of you as much as you have inspired me.

Thank you so much for all that you do. You make this great place possible. I love you and will miss you all.

Fr. Dave Regan

A WORD

FROM THE

Pastor of St. Gertrude's and Holy Name of Mary



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Sunday Readings, August 16, 2020 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 Is 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD:

Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants—all who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. (4) O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the nations be glad and exult

because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

Reading 2 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

Gospel Mt 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

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ALL MASSES - PARISH CENTER

All masses will be held in the Parish Center due to construction in the Church. Please be advised this will take place for ALL Masses until further notice. Social distancing practices and masks are required. Thank you for your understanding.

For Those Who Need Our Prayers:

Tom Kolakowski Jack Caputo Michael Domaradzki Dennis Finn Elizabeth Finn, Jr. Rebecca Browning Lawrence Paul Caputo Michael Willet Christine Beglev Danielle Jackson

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.

God bless our men and

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 Iesus, our Lord and Savior, Amen"

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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

Pfc. Mark Chuisano

Cmdr. Cynthia Keating



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 though 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.



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"

Over \$1,060,000 Pledged - Phase I Begins!

As of Tuesday, July 14th the campaign office reported one-time gifts and pledges of \$1,062,622 from only 276 parish families. **Phase 1 of the project has begun and includes; replacing the roof,** repairing the siding, replacing the windows 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. Now we turn our attention to the inside of the Church!

Thank you for your prompt pledge payments! Over \$735,000 Paid to Date

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!

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

Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called *Restore - Rekindle -*

Renew. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM.

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 \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <a href="https://www.ntps.com/https://www.ntps.com/https://www.ntps.com/http

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9:30 am Family Mass Musicians 11:30 am Adult Choir

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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

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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.



Meets <u>every</u> Monday in the Church at 4:00pm



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If you have ever thought about SERVING GOD AND THE CHURCH as a deacon, I invite you and your wife to attend one of our INFORMATION SESSIONS so I can share about the diaconate with you.

There are three meeting dates to choose from—



7:00 PM Tuesday, September 15th 4:00 PM Sunday, September 20th OR 7:00 PM Thursday, September 24th

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

To reserve a place at one of the meetings, contact my assistant, Carol, at 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or email diaconateformation@drvc.org

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VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

<u>Example</u>: Mrs. Connors, age 76, has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to her Parish in 2016. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, she directs the custodian of her IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2016 directly to the Parish as a 2016 gift. She will not be subject to income tax on her \$5,000 qualified charitable distribution.

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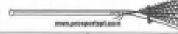
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