

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

CLERGY OF THE PARISH

Rev. Monsignor Morrissey, Pastor
Father Gabriel Miah, 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 welcome our new pastor
Monsignor Morrissey
along with our new assoc. pastor Fr. Gabriel
to our parish.

PARISH CENTER

Preschool:

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Remembering. . .

SUNDAY	August 23
7:30am	Frank Primeggia +
9:30am	Wayne Wright +
11:30am	Marita Haggerty Doherty +
MONDAY	August 24
8:30am	Alix Lavaud +
TUESDAY	August 25
8:30am	Manuela Sabin +
WEDNESDAY	August 26
8:30am	Harry Tice +
THURSDAY	August 27
8:30am	Margaret Mullen +
FRIDAY	August 28
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
SATURDAY	August 29
8:30am	Giuseppe Abatangelo +
	Santina Lepore +
5:00pm	Faye Izzo +
	Michael Kennedy +

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm – Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading – How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel – Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ” (Matthew 16:13-20).

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2020**

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

– *Matthew 16:19*

Oh, the Depths!: Reflection on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” Paul exclaims in today’s Epistle. Today’s Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter.

With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God’s temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7).

What Jesus calls “my Church” is the kingdom promised to David’s son (see Isaiah 9:1-7). As we hear in today’s First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David’s kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God’s people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom’s keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as holy father of His Church.

His Church, too, is the new house of God—the spiritual temple founded on the “rock” of Peter, and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see 1 Peter 2:5).

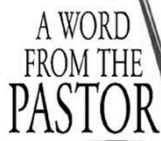
Abraham was called “the rock” from which the children of Israel were hewn (see Isaiah 51:1-2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see Matthew 3:9).

The word Jesus uses—“church” (*ekklesia* in Greek)—was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the “assembly” of God’s children after the Exodus (see Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30).

His Church is the “assembly of the firstborn” (see Hebrews 12:23; Exodus 4:23-24), established by Jesus’ exodus (see Luke 9:31). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-5).

Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

By Dr. Scott Hahn



A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR

In my high school yearbook, the seniors were invited to put a quote, saying or words of remembrance under their names. I remember the contemplation involved in making a decision and considering the long-term impressions that a small saying, quote, or words of wisdom would convey. Like many of us I have not looked at my high school yearbook since I was a college freshman.

Considering that this is my final letter to the parish as your pastor and that I am feeling profound gratitude for the gift of my parish family and staff family, I would like to take this opportunity to speak about a few pillars of my prayer life in the hope that it helps you in yours.

First, the Mass. As much as I love offering Mass in the context of the community, I adore the time that I offer Mass privately. The Mass is the elevation of humanity into the heavenly realms where there is the endless worship of the Lamb of God. It is a moment where you and I become fully alive as Jesus becomes substantially present. When I offer Mass privately, I often sit down and take a moment of quiet (instead of a homily). During this moment, I take a deep breath and reflect on the relevancy of the words proclaimed as they pertain to my parish, world, my family and my heart and mind. 1 Kings 19:9-13, tells us of the power of God's voice to the prophet Elijah in the quietness of prayer. Couple that with the magnificence of the Mass and a person has an unleashed wealth of gift, grace, and insight.

Please take a moment before each Mass, and quietly ask "Jesus what do you have uniquely for me today?" If we approach the altar in a spirit of penance, humility, and expectant hope, we will never be disappointed. Jesus' first and most powerful miracle and gift to you will be the entirety of what is happening at the Holy Mass. Please give Him the opportunity to love you the best way He can so you in turn can love Him and your neighbor.

Secondly, Mary. She is our amazing mother who never forsakes her children. As adopted children through the entrustment at the foot of the Cross, she has embraced us uniquely, tenderly, and mercifully. She embraces priests and each of us. "Never be afraid of loving Mary too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."- St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Please find time to pray the Rosary. Find time, make time, and enjoy the time praying it. The Rosary is a compendium of the Gospel Mysteries. The Rosary is Christ-centered and an instrument of the integration of the mind, heart and soul into heavenly realms while being advocated by the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Please find a way to foster a loving devotion to the Mother who is already advocating on your behalf. If you and I knew that our Mother was waiting for us to call upon her, we would run to the phone and call. Mary is already imploring the heavens to rain down advocacy, mercy, and grace. Turn to her, she will not disappoint you.

Thirdly, find time to reflect on Scripture. I pray the Breviary (Morning, Daytime, Office of Readings, Evening and Night Prayers) every day. The Breviary is the promised prayer of devotion of those who take vows and evangelical counsels. But its more than a promised commitment, it's God's gift to help orient our day around the words of Scripture that pertain to the Word of God. "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." These convicting words of St. Jerome are an invitation to find the words produced by the living Holy Spirit in Apostolic Communities and very much alive today. Opening the Bible is in fact more than entering into the Testament of the Old and New as pertaining to the fullest revelation of the Trinity on Earth (as if that were not enough). It is also that unique moment of God speaking to your heart. Open your Bible. Take time with it. Let the words of the Word saturate and change you.

Fourthly, let the heavens help you. Foster devotion to the saints. In the beginning of creation God so loved you that he formed a being of intellect and will to work on your behalf so that it can enjoy heaven with you forever.

Your Guardian Angel is waging war on your behalf. Help your Guardian Angel.

Foster a devotion to St. Joseph. We call St. Joseph the Terror of Demons because of his noble vocation, commitment to purity, being the patron of a good death, protecting of the Church and that the success of the Mission of the Messiah depended on St. Joseph. And in his hands lay the duty of protecting the humanity of Jesus, the pinnacle of all creation. God became Man to redeem mankind and to endow it with the perfect and ultimate gift of Eternal Life through His Sacred Body and Blood. To fulfill His Divine mission, God the Father entrusted His Son to the paternal care of St. Joseph. The Father granted His Son to be born of a most pure Mother unblemished by the stain of Original Sin. And to ensure and preserve the integrity of that Immaculate Mother, He betrothed her to a beloved and most chaste spouse: Joseph.

Please go out of your way to implore heaven to storm prayers for you by private devotion and devotion to the saints. In my own life the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, Marian Consecration, Litany of St. Joseph, Chaplet of the Angels are all part of my private devotions and prayer life.

In addition, I have a heart and devotion for certain saints. Most notably Pp. St. John Paul II, St. Maximillian Kolbe, St. Bonaventure, St. Mary Magdalene, St. John Marie Vianney, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Archbishop John Hughes, St. Maria Goretti, St. Michael, St. Faustina, St. Josemarie Escriva, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and St. Theresa of Avila. The heavens are already warring on your behalf. Please find the patron saints that you are close to and other saints that you are endeared to and assist them in their advocacy of you.

Certainly not least is Confession. Jesus' actions and extreme mercy become en-fleshed in our hearts through Confession. It is not a defeat, or admittance of failure (though we must confess mortal sin) but rather acknowledging that we have "caved in" and accepted something into our lives that is not good enough for us. "Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God." – Pp. St. John Paul II – September 14, 1987 Homily.

As I end this letter, I want to let you know you will always have a friend in me. Valley Stream (Holy Name of Mary) is quite a bit of a drive away. The parish is large and diverse with its own charisms and challenges. We all have the adventures that the Holy Spirit has carved out for us. Whereas, I accept any mission with anticipation, without a doubt my mind is going to wander from time to time. There are so many wonderful memories that have changed my heart for the better. And I pray that we have all changed for the better. When my mind wanders and I begin to wonder how the families of St. Gertrude's are doing, I will do what best friends should do for each other-pray! Without reservation you are loved and prayed for. You are in the good hands of Msgr. Robert Morrissey but even better you are held by the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Fr. Dave Regan

Pastor of Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream
and Pastor of St. Gertrude's until August 25, 2020

Welcome our new pastor
Rev. Monsignor Robert Owen Morrissey, J.C.D. Judicial Vicar
as well as our new assoc. pastor
Father Gabriel Miah

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 on Tuesday, August 25th.

We also welcome Father Gabriel Miah, from Associate Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon, to Associate Pastor of the Church of Saint Gertrude, Bayville.



Sunday Readings, August 23, 2020, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1, Is 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:

“I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim’s shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family.”

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R. (8bc) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Reading 2, Rom 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!

*For who has known the mind of the Lord
or who has been his counselor?*

*Or who has given the Lord anything
that he may be repaid?*

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Gospel, Mt 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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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.



Congratulations to the
graduating seniors from the
2019-2020 graduating class of
Chaminade H.S.

EDWARD D. DENATALE

F. STEPHEN MARTOCCI

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 Begley 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.



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

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

August 9, 2020: \$ 5,408.50

August 16, 2020: \$6,725.50



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



Banns of Marriage

Charlotte Bancroft
 St. Mary, CT.
 &
 Patrick Hyland
 St. Mary, CT.



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 \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

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

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

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Catholic Health Services
of Long Island

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743
ehayes@icseminary.edu, 631-423-0483 x141

We have an interlibrary loan service, lectures in the library, and even some online content (such as podcasts) that you could take advantage of. If you are within driving distance, you are also welcome to apply for a courtesy card and borrow materials directly when you visit.

Our collection began years ago as strictly an academic library, but since the priestly formation program changed a few years ago (and our seminarians moved up to Yonkers), we have varied the collection a bit so that it can appeal to the general reader wanting to deepen their faith. Our book collection includes lots of books on spirituality, saints, popular apologetics, and so forth. We also have current Catholic periodicals, sacred music on CD, and even DVDs.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Monday in the Church at 4:00pm



The Office of FAITH FORMATION DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Upcoming Workshop

Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers

Via Zoom

Evening

Oct 12, 19, 26; Nov 2, and 9
7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mornings

Oct 13, 20, 27; Nov 3, and 10
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For more information, workshops, or to register online,
please visit drvc-faith.org/event

Resources Available

Hello! My name is Deacon Art Candido!

As **DIRECTOR OF DIACONATE FORMATION**,
my ministry is to **FORM CATHOLIC MEN INTO DEACONS**
who serve in our Diocese of Rockville Centre.

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



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-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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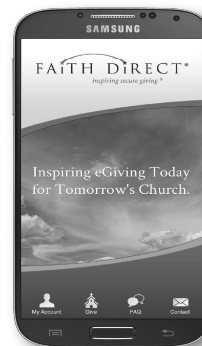
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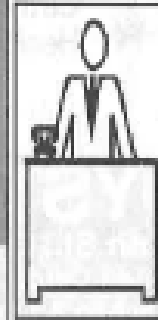
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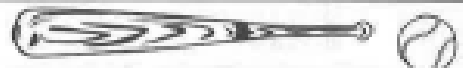


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