

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
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



St. Vincent de Paul (516) 584-4090
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
To donate furniture, please call (516) 746-8250.

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PARISH CENTER

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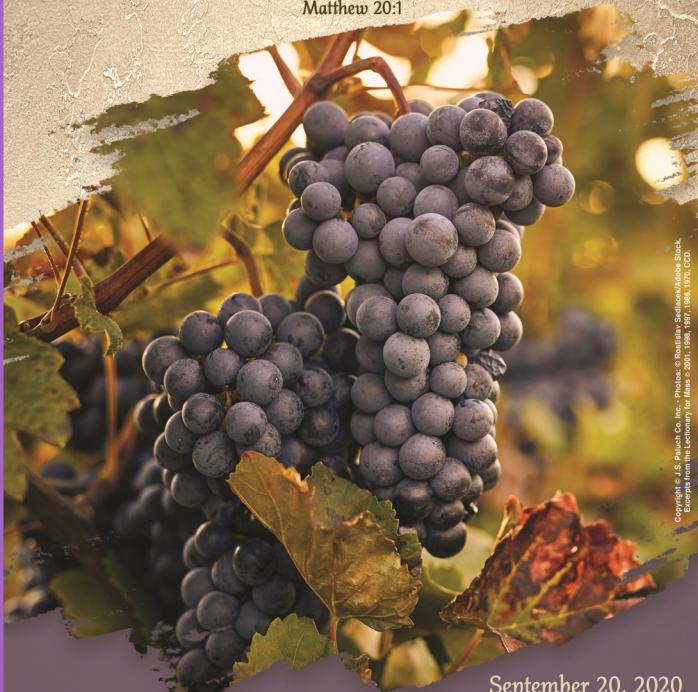
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The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner
who went out at dawn
to hire laborers for his vineyard.

Matthew 20:1



September 20, 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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).*

Mass Intentions

| Remembering . . . | |
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| SUNDAY | September 20 |
| 7:30am | Caterina Primeggia + |
| 9:30am | Harry Porteus + |
| 11:30am | For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude |
| MONDAY | September 21 |
| 8:30am | John Scelzi + |
| TUESDAY | September 22 |
| 8:30am | Anna Furnari (L) |
| WEDNESDAY | September 23 |
| 8:30am | Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families + |
| THURSDAY | September 24 |
| 8:30am | Mario Frumiento + |
| FRIDAY | September 25 |
| 8:30am | Nita DeCesare + |
| SATURDAY | September 26 |
| 8:30am | Manuela Sabin + |
| 5:00pm | Charles Panetta + |

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalm – The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading – Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel – The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, Sept. 26th: 5:00pm—Monsignor Morrissey

Sunday, Sept. 27th 7:30am—Father Gabriel

9:30am—Monsignor Morrissey

11:30am—Father Gabriel

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

Anna Furnari's birthday

from Bob & Gregory Gaglione



The Distribution of Holy Communion during Mass:



We are pleased to once again distribute Holy Communion in the usual manner during Holy Mass. During this time of Covid-19 you are asked to keep the following in mind:

1. As you approach the minister of Holy Communion, please maintain the safe distance of six-feet between each person.
2. Our utmost concern is for the reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.
3. **Please lower your mask before receiving Holy Communion.** This is so that there is no other action between the Eucharist being placed into your hands and your reverent reception of our Lord in the Eucharist.
4. It is preferred that Communion at this time be received in one's hand. Please place your hands out very straight and flat to allow the minister to place the Eucharist safely in your hand in order to avoid contact with your hand.
5. Approach the minister, receive the Body of Christ by responding "Amen."
6. Step aside, place the Sacrament on your tongue. One is not to "walk away" with the Sacred Host.
7. Re-cover your face and return to your place.

Thank you for your cooperation and for the respect and reverence that you hold the great gift of Christ present to us in Holy Communion.

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: Seek the Lord

Refrain: Seek the Lord whose mercy abounds; call aloud to God who is near.

1. Today is the day and now the proper hour to forsake our sinful lives and turn to the Lord.
2. As high as the sky is above the earth, so high above our ways, the ways of the Lord.

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Offertory Hymn: Loving and Forgiving

Refrain: Loving and forgiving are you. O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

1. All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God. All my being, bless the Lord, remembering the goodness of God.
2. God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain, saving us from final death. God fills us with goodness and love.
3. Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love. God remembers not our sins; forgiving and loving is God.

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Communion: You Alone

Refrain: You alone are holy, you alone are Lord. You alone are worthy to be honored and adored. Mercy you have given, kindness you have shown. Love is you alone.

1. Who of us is sinless in this place? Who of us deserves your saving grace? Who of us is good at all without your blessed love that falls upon our hearts to heal our brokenness?
2. What is there to do but thank you, then, for the gift that we might call you friend? Greater love has not been known than that for which you gave your only son, that you might see us, pure and blessed.

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Recessional Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
2. For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind, and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word, and our lives would be thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

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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.



Our Religious Education program will open this year on Wednesday, September 30th.

We are in need of catechists for first grade through sixth grade. If you would be willing to help teach either in person or through Zoom for one of these grades, please contact Dr. Sheehan in the Religious Education Office (516) 628-2432.

Sunday Readings September 20, 2020 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 Is 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm, Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. (18a) **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

R. **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

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

R. **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R. **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

Reading 2 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Gospel Mt 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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PRESCHOOL: The preschool started this week with our old friends and some new friends joining us this year. It may look a little different because of the times we are all living through, but our caring staff is still here and worked hard to bring the rooms up and running. The first week was shortened to give everyone a chance to get used to the new procedures that were put into place. There is still room in our 3 and 4 year old program, for more information please call the preschool office at 628-3710.

For Those Who Need Our Prayers:

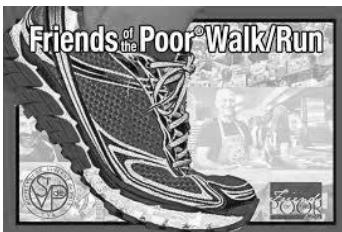
Tom Kolakowski
Danielle Jackson

Dennis Finn
Elizabeth Finn, Jr.
Patricia Raggio

Roger Willet

Christine Begley

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.



Annual "Friends of the Poor Walk" hosted by The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We need your support!

Each year, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul feeds over 75,000 Long Islanders. We are able to do this through a network of volunteers, and through the generosity of individuals like you. I would like to invite you to help us continue to fight poverty and join us in this community-wide effort to fight hunger and poverty.

This year the need is especially great with so many people in our community having lost their jobs due to Covid-19.

On Saturday, October 3, 2020, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is hosting its 12th Annual Friends of the Poor 5K Walk. All funds raised by walkers are used to serve individuals and families in need. In particular, every dollar we raise here at St. Gertrude's will go to assist those in need in OUR St. Gertrude's community.

The Walk for the Poor is our ONLY fundraiser.

A member of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. Gertrude's will be at the back of the Parish Center after each of the masses the weekend of September 26-27. Please come see us there, become a walker, and/or consider supporting us through a donation to our organization. And hey, we are always looking for new members!

Also, to make it easy, self-addressed colored envelopes are located on the table as you walk into the gym in the Parish Center (along with the bulletins, masks, and hand sanitizers). Envelopes can be mailed or given directly to a SVDP representative.

Checks can be made out to "Society of St Vincent de Paul" and mailed to:

St. Gertrude's
28 School Street, Bayville, New York 11709
Attn: SVDP/Friends of the Poor Walk



Faith Direct

We invite you 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.

If you have given through the text the word ENROLL please note that this program is ending.

Parish Financial Summary

There will be a 2nd envelope this weekend for St. Pius X—Enriched Living Facility.



We are most grateful for those who have generously "caught up" with their donations over the past few weeks. Many thanks.

 Our parish is responsible for our portion of the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We are currently at 47.45% of our goal of \$54,800. Thank you to the 71 donors who have already contributed!

Remembering and Caring for our Senior Priests

Do you ever think about a favorite Pastor or Parish Priest and wonder how they are and where they may be living?

Well, for our Senior Priests who are living at St. Pius X Residence, life is good and sometimes very busy.



"We are very happy that more and more of our Priests are taking advantage of this wonderful facility. We thank you for your support, we depend on it, especially now with the increasing costs we are experiencing. We couldn't do it without you!"

- Rev. Msgr. Thomas Costa,
Vicar for Senior Priests

"Since I arrived at St. Pius X, I have found living here like being at home. I have found much happiness with my fellow priests and in the entire community, and I especially appreciate the support I receive. Thank you for helping to make this home possible."

- Rev. Msgr. T Peter Ryan



Even in retirement our senior priests retain roles as our shepherds, and St. Pius X enables these dedicated men who live there to be fully engaged members of the community. *"Still on duty,"* they serve as our teachers, counselors, and spiritual leaders.

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible! Thank You!

www.drvc.org/stpiusx

Saint Pius X Residence for Senior Priests

"No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people." - Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

As we continue to work together to deal with the devastating effects of COVID- 19, we want to thank you for your commitment to St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility. Because of your support we were able to keep our priests, with special needs who reside there, safe and protected.

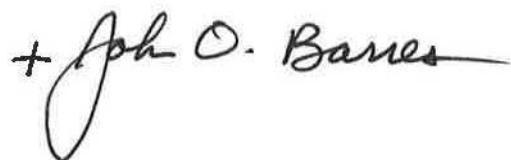
St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility meets challenges like this every day by ensuring that our senior priests are being cared for in a setting that fosters their spiritual lives, nurtures their physical and mental well-being, and guarantees that they can continue to live with dignity while accessing a wide array of social and spiritual opportunities.

Their many years of service helped lay the foundation of our own Catholic faith. These priests helped to build and renovate parishes; they evangelized across our Island and have nurtured many ministries vital to the life of our faith community today.

"Retired priests continue to serve the church, just in a different way," shared Msgr. Costa, Rector of St. Pius X. Msgr. Ryan, a resident of St. Pius echoed those thoughts, saying, *"I may not live among my former parishioners, but I haven't forgotten them, and I think most any pastor will say the same."*

You also have our deepest thanks for considering a gift in support of our retired priests residing at St. Pius X and for the loving care you have provided to these dedicated priests. May I ask that that you remember all our priests in your prayers as you are remembered in ours.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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!**

The Friends of the Seminary

cordially invite you for a Communion Breakfast

Sunday
September 27
2020



Mass
10 am
Seminary Chapel

Registration at 9:30 am

\$50.00 per Person

Rev. Msgr. Charles R. Fink
Rector, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

*Attendance limited; reservations will be considered on "first come, first served" basis.
Following safety protocols as outlined by Suffolk County, we ask that you please wear your mask.*

RESERVE BY SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 - ALL IN-GUESTS CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED - LIMITED SEATING
Additional Information • 631.423.0483x102 • bmalone@icseminary.edu

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

PARISH _____

NO. TICKETS @ \$50. EACH _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ *(Please list guests on reverse side)*

CREDIT CARD: VISA AMEX M/C DISCOVER

NAME ON CARD _____ AMT \$ _____

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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"

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| 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.



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

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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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.



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 provided with social-distancing during this time. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on November 14-15 2020.

For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or visit www.engagedencounterli.org

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-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.

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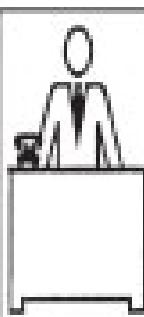
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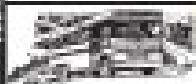
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