

# 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

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### Religious Education:

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## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Humbly regard others as  
more important than yourselves,  
each looking out not  
for his own interests,  
but also for those of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

SEPTEMBER  
**27**  
2020

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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>September 27</b>
7:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
9:30am	Wayne Wright +
11:30am	Philip Altadonna +
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 28</b>
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 29</b>
8:30am	Edward Minicozzi, Sr. +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 30</b>
8:30am	John L. Schaefer +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>October 1</b>
8:30am	Manuela Sabin +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>October 2</b>
8:30am	Charles Lauretano +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>October 3</b>
8:30am	Denise Trubish +
5:00pm	Alexander Artesani +

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** – When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18:25-28).

**Psalm** – Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** – Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]).

**Gospel** – Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21:28-32).

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### Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>: 5:00pm—Father Gabriel

Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 7:30am—Father Gabriel

9:30am—Monsignor Morrissey

11:30—Monsignor Morrissey

Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30am—Confirmation enrollment

Blessing of the Animals—  
1:30pm Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>  
in front of the Parish Center



The Humble Path: Reflection on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Times.

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin?

This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see [Matthew 3:8](#)).

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross (see [Romans 5:14](#)). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants.

But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

By Dr. Scott Hahn

## For Those Who Need Our Prayers:

Tom Kolakowski    Dennis Finn    Elizabeth Finn, Jr.    Roger Willet    Christine Begley  
 Danielle Jackson    Patricia Raggio

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.

### The St. Gertrude's Food Pantry is Open!



#### 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.**

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.

We thank you, in advance, for your generosity and support.

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.

**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!*



Our parish is responsible for our portion of the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We are currently at 47.54% of our goal of \$54,800.

Thank you to the 72 donors who have already contributed!

## Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

September 13, 2020: \$ 6,275.50

September 20, 2020: \$6,244.50

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> envelope next weekend for Respect Life.



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

## Faith Direct

We invite you at St. Gertrude in setting up recurring eGiving through Faith Direct. Thanks to eGiving, your weekly offertory will be automatically taken care of, which saves you time and saves our parish money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes. Getting started is easy! Visit [faith.direct/NY83](http://faith.direct/NY83).

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

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: This Day God Gives Me

1. This day God gives me strength of high heaven, sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth, flashing of lighting, wind in its swiftness, deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.
2. This day God sends me strength as my guardian, might to uphold me, wisdom as guide. Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening, your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

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### Offertory Hymn: Here I am, Lord

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

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### Communion: You Are Mine

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

1. I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.
2. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, come and rest in me.

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### Recessional Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the ever lasting King.
2. Praise him for his grace and favor to his children in distress; Praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

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Our Religious Education program will open this year on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.for grades 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. We are still in need of catechist for grades 4 & 5.

Help Needed! Our Religious Education program has incurred extra necessary expenses by buying new chairs, desks, and air filtration systems to ensure social distancing and the safety of our children. If you can help us bridge the budget gap incurred by these expenses, please contact Dr. Sheehan in the Religious Education Office. Your donation, no matter the amount, will help our faith formation program protect our children. (516) 628-2432.

**Sunday Readings September 27, 2020 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1 Ez 18:25-28**

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14**

**R. (6a) Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

**Reading 2 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 *In the shorter form of the reading, the passage in brackets is omitted.***

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus,

[ Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ]

**Gospel Mt 21:28-32**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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**PRESCHOOL:** This was our first full day week of preschool. Most of our preschoolers have settled down into their class routines, some of our newest friends are still getting to know us and missing home. Miss Carmela's two year old class made school buses and teddy bears. Miss Meredith's three year old class made stained glass apples and an apple book, they also made aliens for the letter A. Miss Michelle's threes made mouse puppets and did apple stamping, they also made apple sauce for the letter A. Miss Janice's four year old class also made school buses and apples, as well as handprint fish.

There is still some room in our three and four year old classes, for information call 628-3710.

**THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS  
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*Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.*

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL
<b>SEPTEMBER 2020</b>		
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26	11 A.M. - 2 P.M.	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUNDAY, SEPT. 27	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
	2 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.	ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
<b>OCTOBER 2020</b>		
SATURDAY, OCT. 3	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
	2 P.M. - 4 P.M.	CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
SUNDAY, OCT. 4	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
	1 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.	ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY, OCT. 17	11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.	HOLY TRINITY DIOC. H.S.
SUNDAY, OCT. 18	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.

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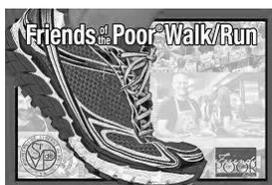


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Francesca Ann Cipriano  
Lola Elizabeth Markle  
Ava Collette Nugent  
Ellie Serafina Rispoli  
Camryn Elyse Testa  
Mia Parker Walles

**Respect Life Sunday**

Sunday, October 4 is Respect Life Sunday. As we will celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education.

Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection next weekend. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.



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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 this weekend, Sept. 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

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

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

As of Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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!**

# **St. Dominic High School**

## ***2020 TACHS ENTRANCE EXAM PREP COURSE***

*For the NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> Exam*

Course will be held on the following Saturdays:

September 26<sup>th</sup>

and October 3, 17, 24 and 31st

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. in Marian Hall

***Course Fee: \$250.00 (includes textbook)***

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To register please complete the form below  
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**St. Dominic High School  
110 Anstice Street  
Oyster Bay, New York 11771  
Attention: Mrs. Stutzmann  
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FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED BASIS.  
There will be no refunds once the course begins.***

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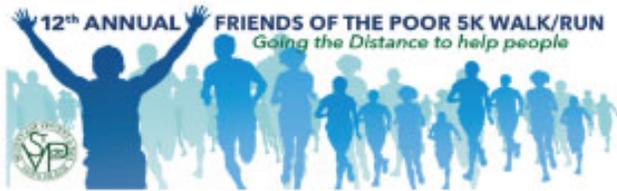
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SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_



Prayer for Participants in the  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island's  
12th Annual Friends of the Poor 5K  
Virtual Walk/Run

By Monsignor Gerard A. Ringenback

*Loving and Faithful God,*

*You walk with us on the journey of life and guide us through the pathways that lie ahead. Be with us now on this walk for the poor that each step may bring us closer to ending all forms of poverty, bringing justice and freedom to all. Give us the strength to never tire of the gospel call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Let us be inspired by our brothers and sisters who walk with us and all those who have pledged their support for this great effort. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who dwelt among us and whose Spirit spurs on to keep walking on behalf of all those in need, the Lord who lives and reigns forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

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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](http://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](http://CHSCancer.org)



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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.

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

### 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/>.

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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.

Maria Regina DHS Class of 1970  
50<sup>th</sup> Reunion October 3, 2020  
For more information email  
[MRDHS70@gmail.com](mailto: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

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**4:00 PM Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> OR 7:00 PM Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

*at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception*  
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**To reserve a place at one of the meetings,**  
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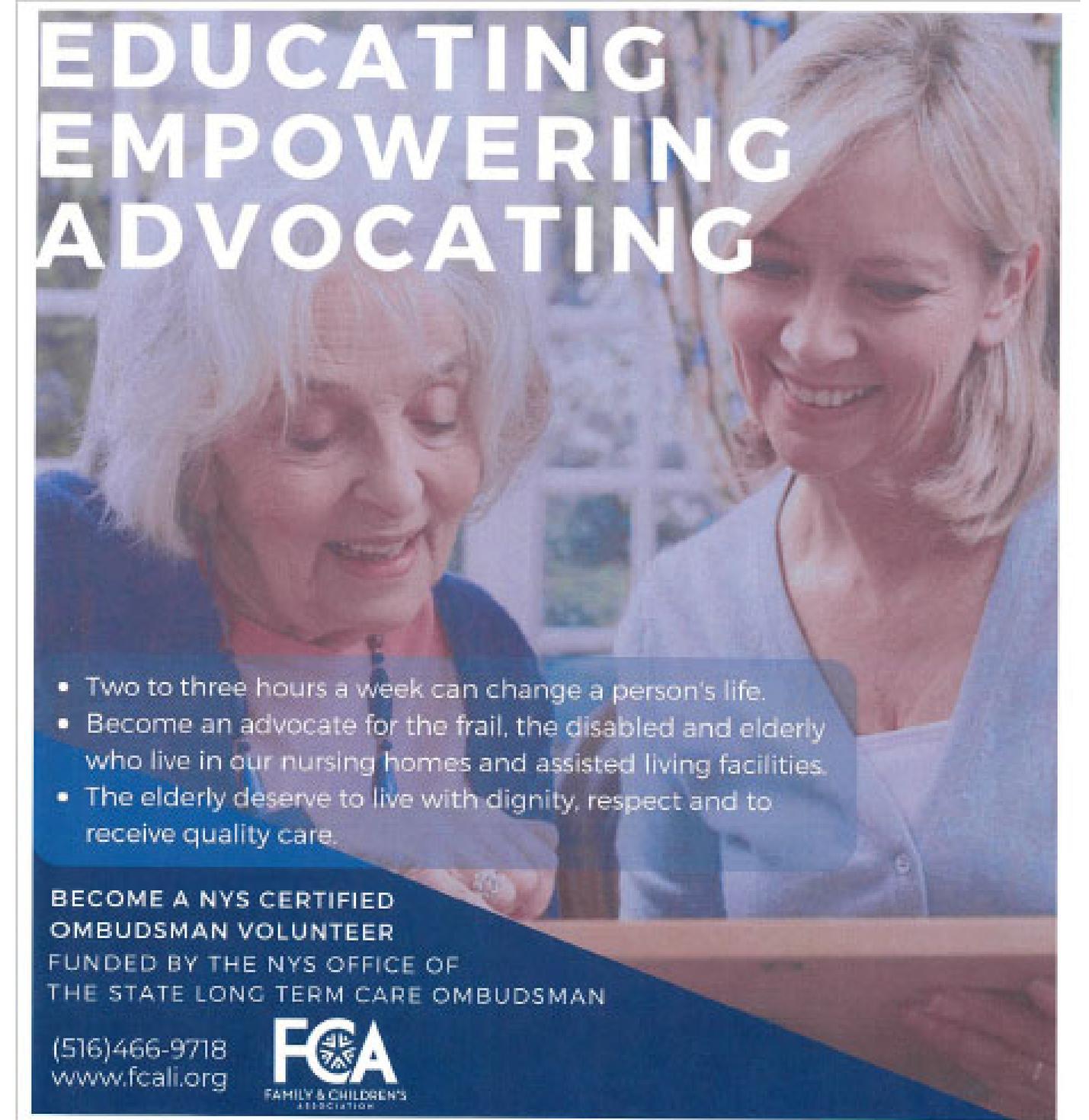


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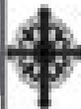
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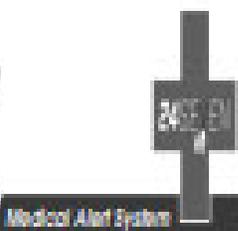
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