

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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Twenty-Seventh
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

Once again,
O Lord of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your
right hand has planted.

Psalm 80:15-16

October 4, 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. . .

SUNDAY	October 4
7:30am	Rosary Guild, living & deceased members
9:30am	Michael Primeggia +
11:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
MONDAY	October 5
8:30am	Harry Tice +
TUESDAY	October 6
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
WEDNESDAY	October 7
8:30am	Manuela Sabin +
THURSDAY	October 8
8:30am	Lucy & John Aversano +
FRIDAY	October 9
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
SATURDAY	October 10
8:30am	Angela Chimienti +
5:00pm	Maria, Carmine & Antonio Clemente +

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm – The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading – God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel – The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

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Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, Oct. 10th: 5:00pm—Monsignor Morrissey

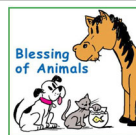
Sunday, Oct. 11th 7:30am—Father Gabriel

9:30am—Monsignor Morrissey

11:30—Father Gabriel

Sunday, Oct. 4th 9:30am—Commissioning of Catechist

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



Living on the Vine: Reflection on the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Times.

In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God.

And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood.

God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls.

In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son, and to kill him outside the vineyard walls.

For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants—the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit.

We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see [John 15:1-8](#)), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see [Philippians 1:11](#)) and to be the "first fruits" of a new creation (see [James 1:18](#)).

We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtue

By Dr. Scott Hahn

For Those Who Need Our Prayers:

Tom Kolakowski Dennis Finn Elizabeth Finn, Jr. Roger 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
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Major Nicholas Lorusso	Sgt. 5 Jose Marin	Airman Bryan Mollitor
Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz	Major James Nicholson	LT Col. Sean Patak
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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 27, 2020: \$ 6,432.50

There will be a 2nd envelope this 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.

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: To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

1. To Jesus Christ, our Sovereign King, who is the world's salvation, all praise and homage do we bring and thanks and adoration. Christ Jesus, victor! Christ Jesus, ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and redeemer!
2. Thy reign extend, O King benign, to every land and nation; for in thy kingdom, Lord divine, alone we find salvation. Christ Jesus, victor! Christ Jesus, ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and redeemer!

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Offertory Hymn: Blest Are They

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.
2. Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill.

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Communion: Payer of St. Francis & Eat this Bread

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.

Refrain: Est this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

1. I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.
2. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.

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Recessional Hymn: Lift High the Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
2. Each newborn servant of the crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

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Our Religious Education program will begin this week for all grades.

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 October 4, 2020 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 Is 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes?

Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

Responsorial Psalm Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

R. (Is 5:7a) The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it.
It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,
The boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Reading 2 Phil 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Mt 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

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PRESCHOOL: The week was a little shorter with the holiday, but the children have begun to settle in and get used to coming to school. Miss Carmela's two year old class made an apple collage and parts of an apple project. Miss Meredith's three year old class made apple stamps and stained glass fall leaves, they studied the letter A. Miss Michelle's threes made an apple number project and a project based on the book they read, A Boy and

His Bear; they worked on the letter B. Miss Janice's four year old class made self portraits and a jelly fish project, they also started their religious education curriculum with a project on their families.




There is still some room in our three and four year old classes, for information call 628-3710.
ATTN: Substitute teachers for all grades. Please call the preschool to inquire. THANK YOU

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DATE	TIME	SCHOOL
OCTOBER 2020		
SATURDAY, OCT. 3	10 A.M. - 1 P.M. 2 P.M. - 4 P.M.	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S. CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
SUNDAY, OCT. 4	10 A.M. - 1 P.M. 1 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.	OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY 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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Evelyn Pinnola
Lawrence Reid

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



“He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.” God invites your marriage to be filled with His graces. Accept His invitation by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience via Zoom for seven sessions every Monday and Thursday evenings starting on November 2 - 23 from 7 -9:30 PM. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John and Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit us at <http://www.wwme.org/>

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 this weekend. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.



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

Our Lady of Mercy Academy



Virtual Open House
October 4, 2020
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Informational Video at 10:00 AM
LIVE Google Meets with Faculty & Staff 10:15 AM-1:00 PM
Register Today at www.OLMA.org/Admissions
Campus Tour Sign-Ups Available after Open House

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!**

St. Dominic High School

2020 TACHS ENTRANCE EXAM PREP COURSE

For the NOVEMBER 7TH Exam

Course will be held on the following Saturdays:

September 26th

and October 3, 17, 24 and 31st

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

Course Fee: \$250.00 (includes textbook)

To register please complete the form below
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**St. Dominic High School
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Oyster Bay, New York 11771
Attention: Mrs. Stutzmann
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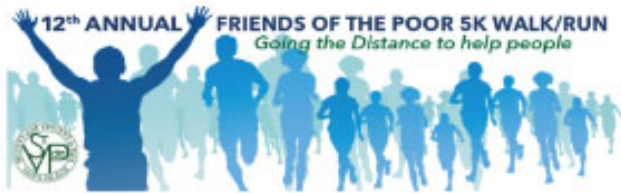
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payment.)*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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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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

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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.

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.

Resources Available

FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

Family, marriage and individual therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists including therapists who specialize in Depression, Divorce Mediation and Domestic Violence, are available to our parishioners at 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the diocese for the past 41 years for the convenience of parishioners. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. We are currently looking for licensed therapists in Nassau, Suffolk and Queens. For confidential information and appointments, please call Dr. Giuliani at the Catholic Counseling Center at (631) 243-2503 or go to our website at: <http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.



“Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World”

An Invitation to Serve, in the District Council of Nassau North
We all know how the Society of St. Vincent de Paul regularly provides charitable assistance to neighbors in need. Beginning with the home visit, Vincentians perform numerous good deeds, many of which involve financial assistance (rent & utility bills), immediate needs assistance (food, furniture, etc.) and also counseling.

However, the challenges facing those in poverty are ever more acute today. The “Getting AHEAD” program, offered by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul across the country, is one approach to help these neighbors rise above the “tyranny of the moment” or crisis mode in which they are too often bound. It also answers the questions raised by many Vincentians: “What more can I do for my neighbor beyond the traditional home visit?” and “Is there a structured process I can become involved with that would make a difference?” If you are interested in joining, please email: svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com

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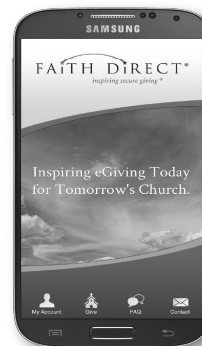
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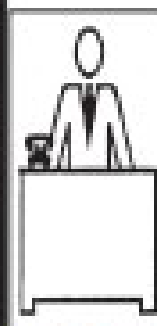
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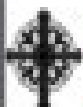


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