

# 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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## PARISH CENTER

### Preschool:

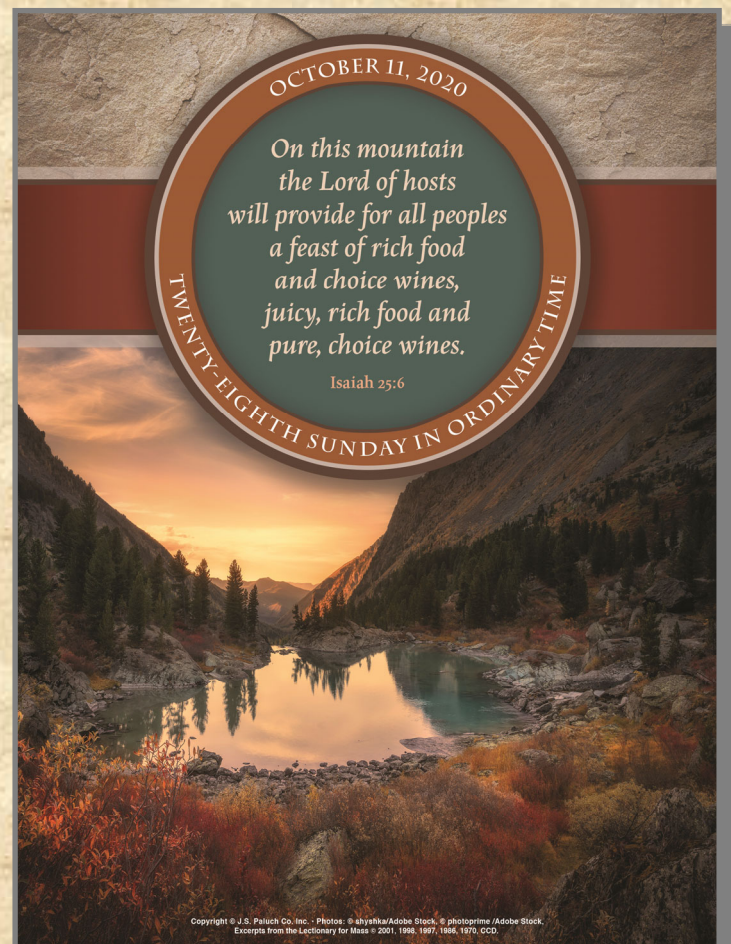
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New to our Parish? We welcome you and ask that you please stop into our Parish office to register. *The Lord told Israel to reach out to newcomers and welcome them (Leviticus 19:36).*

Remembering. . .

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>October 11</b>                     |
| 7:30am           | For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude  |
| 9:30am           | Peter Connolly +                      |
| 11:30am          | Dominick & Catherine Carbone +        |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>October 12</b>                     |
| 8:30am           | Annika Sotirhos +                     |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>October 13</b>                     |
| 8:30am           | Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>October 14</b>                     |
| 8:30am           | Harry Tice +                          |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>October 15</b>                     |
| 8:30am           | Manuela Sabin +                       |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>October 16</b>                     |
| 8:30am           | DeCesare family +                     |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>October 17</b>                     |
| 8:30am           | Michaelangelo DeLucia +               |
| 5:00pm           | In thanksgiving & a special intention |

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** – On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

**Psalm** – I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

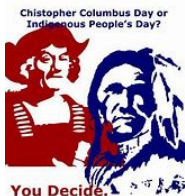
**Second Reading** – God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

**Gospel** – I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

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**Presider's Schedule:** (subject to change)  
 Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm—Father Gabriel  
 Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30am—Monsignor Morrissey  
 9:30am—Father Gabriel  
 11:30—Monsignor Morrissey

In recognition of Columbus/Indigenous People Day on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, our rectory will be closed. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you.



Dressing for the Feast : Reflection on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Times.

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history.

God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 7:25). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies.

Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24-43, 47-50).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11-14).

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ, we will find supplied whatever we need.

And in the rich food of His body, and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22-24).

But are we dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness (see Revelation 19:8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see Ephesians 4:1).

By Dr. Scott Hahn

## For Those Who Need Our Prayers:

Tom Kolakowski    Dennis Finn    Elizabeth Finn, Jr.    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.



## 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 47.63% of our goal of \$54,800.

Thank you to the 73 donors who have already contributed!

## Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

October 4, 2020: \$ 6,639.50

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> envelope next weekend for World Mission.



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: All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign a-new. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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### Offertory Hymn: Christ Be Our Light

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

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### Communion: Table of Plenty

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty! God will provide for all that we need, here at the table of plenty.

1. O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.
2. O come and eat without money come to drink without price. My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

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### Recessional Hymn: Now Thank We All our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart, and hands, and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; who, from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this gracious God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us: preserve us in his grace, and guide us in distress, and free us from all sin, till heaven we possess.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and Spirit blest, who reigns in highest heaven, eternal, triune God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

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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 11, 2020, Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1 Is 25:6-10a**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.

On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever.

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!” For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**

**R. (6cd) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

**Reading 2 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20**

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10** *In the shorter form of the reading, the passage in brackets is omitted.*

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those invited: “Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.”’ Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.’ The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. [ But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, ‘My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?’ But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, ‘Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.’ Many are invited, but few are chosen.” ]

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**PRESCHOOL:** The children are starting to know and ease into their schedules and the theme is definitely autumn. Miss Carmela's two year old class made fall trees and a project on our bodies, they worked on the letter C. Miss Meredith's three year old class made pumpkins and firefighters since the firemen came to visit, they worked on the letter B. Miss Michelle's threes made fall pictures and black cats, they worked on the letter C. Miss Janice's four year old class made a cinnamon scented apple project and a project based on the Dr. Seuss classic, Ten Apples Up On Top. The Bayville Fire Department made their annual visit this year outside, and the children got to see a fireman dressed up in his gear, the truck and learned about fire safety. They brought their usual goodies for the children to take home, which is always a big hit, thank you to our brave Bayville Fire Department. The deadline for our fall fundraiser is fast approaching, please get your orders in by next week, thank you!



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.**



Please join your fellow parishioners in publicly praying the Rosary together this **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm** on the front lawn of our church asking Our Lady's intercession

for healing from the pandemic of COVID-19, peace and civility in the recent incidents of inner-city violence and wisdom and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for the coming elections.



"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/>



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](http://www.engagedencounterli.org)

The Collection for World Mission Sunday will take place next Sunday, **October 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**Please Note:** for this collection, please make check payable to **The Propagation of the Faith**.

On **World Mission Sunday**, we are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. As Catholics around the world, here at home and in the missions, gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work and offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.



Danielle Amanda Jackson

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

## THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND OPEN HOUSES

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education

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

| DATE              | TIME                | 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. |

### TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS ONLINE FOR 2020-2021



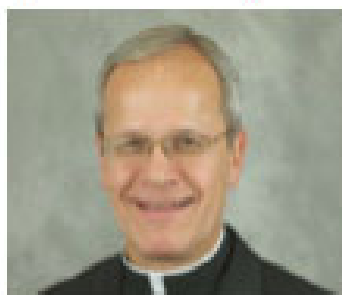
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REGISTER TODAY  
[WWW.TACHSINFO.COM](http://WWW.TACHSINFO.COM)  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
OCT. 23, 2020

# Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

*Te Deum*

*"Thee, O God, we praise"*

Special Guest Speaker



Rev. Magr. Peter I. Vaccari

Newly Ordained June 2020



Rev. Rafal Borowiejski  
Rev. John Crozier



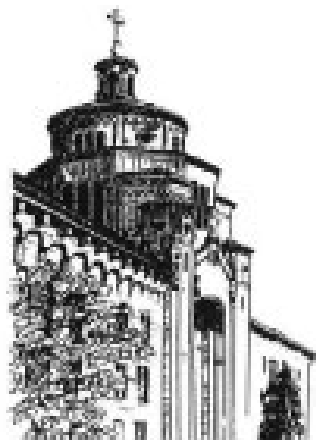
Sunday, November 1, 2020

Vespers 4 PM

Cocktail Reception

Commemorative Journal

*Join Bishop John Barros and the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception as we celebrate with praise and thanksgiving the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Seminary and welcome with joy and enthusiasm our newly ordained priests.*



Limited Capacity – Reservations Required

**\$150 per Guest, \$100 Clergy**

Reservations, Journal & Sponsorship Opportunities

Seminary Development Office

631.423.0483 x102 ♦ [bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu)

[www.icseminary.edu](http://www.icseminary.edu)

# 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  
and return it with a check payable to:

**St. Dominic High School  
110 Anstice Street  
Oyster Bay, New York 11771  
Attention: Mrs. Stutzmann  
516-922-4888 ext. 5241.**

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***STUDENTS ACCEPTED ON A  
FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED BASIS.  
There will be no refunds once the course begins.***

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*(Please return this bottom portion with your CHSEE prep course  
payment.)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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)



**Catholic Health Services' Skilled Nursing Facilities**

Recognized for Excellence

CHS offers three highly recognized skilled nursing facilities, providing both short- and long-term care for patients and residents.

**Good Samaritan Nursing & Rehabilitation Care Center, Sayville**

**St. Catherine of Siena Nursing & Rehabilitation Care Center, Smithtown**

**Our Lady of Consolation Nursing & Rehabilitative Care Center, West Islip**

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.**

**Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743**  
[ehayes@icseminary.edu](mailto: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.

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.

 **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)

# 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](mailto:svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com)



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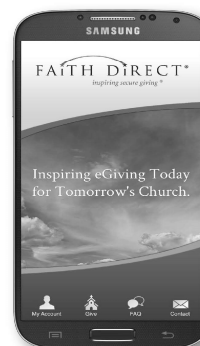
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**You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).**

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

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

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

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**Ensure the future vitality of our Parish with your charitable bequest or consider other Estate Planning options, such as designating our Parish as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or an IRA account.**

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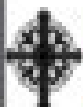


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