

# 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 8:30am-9:30am

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:

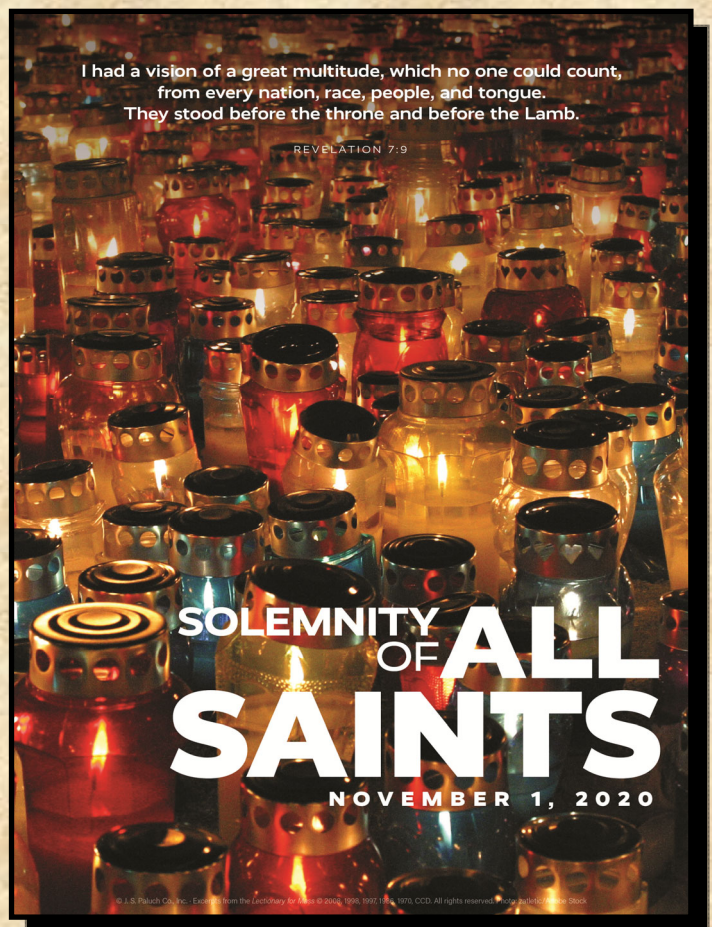
Tina Mihaltses, Director, Phone: (516) 628-3710

Email: stgertprek@stgerts.org

### Religious Education:

Dr. James Sheehan, Director, Phone: (516) 628-2432

Email: faithformation@stgerts.org



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>November 1 (All Saints Day)</b>
7:30am	Rosary Guild, living & deceased members
9:30am	Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello & family +
11:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>November 2 (All Souls' Day)</b>
8:30am	Deacon Al Leasiolagi +
7:30pm	Commemorating St. Gertrude's faithful departed throughout the year
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>November 3</b>
8:30am	Mary Fernino +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>November 4</b>
8:30am	Ann Faivre +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>November 5</b>
8:30am	Manuela Sabin +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>November 6</b>
8:30am	Nita DeCesare +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>November 7</b>
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families + Mary Piccolo +
5:00pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** – John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

**Psalms** – Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** – By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

**Gospel** – The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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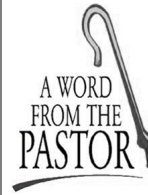
**Presider's Schedule:** (subject to change)

Saturday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm—Msgr. Morrissey

Sunday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30am—Fr. Gabriel

9:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

11:30—Fr. Gabriel



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Feast of All Saints!

How wonderful it is to return to our almost finished and newly restored church.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support, generosity and patience during these days of pandemic and the restoration of our church.

The restoration work still needs to continue. Work remains to be done on the lighting, and the broken and cracked stained glass windows are out being repaired. Custom made railings for the entrances are ordered and some other general finishing touches on the inside and outside continue.

The work on the two new bathrooms and the handicap entrance continues. Unfortunately, handicapped parking will be limited because of this construction. I thank those needing assistance for parking and easy access for your patience and understanding.

Being able to enter the church, I hope you will be as pleased as I am with how beautiful the restored church looks.

Our Campaign continues though. Our goal for the Campaign was to raise 1.5 million dollars. As of this date we have received pledges for just over one million. Thank you for all who continue to be faithful to your pledges and I would be most grateful for any new pledges for those who may wish now to support the restoration and allow us to finish the work we have begun.

May our Good Lord and all the Saints bless all of you and your families,

*Msgr. Morrissey*

Pastor

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: For All the Saints

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who you by faith before the world confessed, your name O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, alleluia.
2. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet all are one within your great design. Alleluia, alleluia.
3. The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon to the loyal faithful comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of Paradise so blest. Alleluia, alleluia.

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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: Saints and Beloved of God

Refrain: In every place and time the blessed walk among us. There's a mighty throng that stands at our side, the saints and beloved of God.

1. We are joined by a great communion, here on earth and in heaven above, for this feast prepared by Christ the Lord, companions in his love.
2. We are stirred by their faithful witness to the God who takes flesh and bone, to the Christ who lives in hands and hearts, in faces not his own.

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### Recessional Hymn: Blessed Feasts of Blessed Martyrs

1. Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs, holy women, holy men, with our love and admiration, greet we your return again. Worthy deeds they wrought, and wonder, worthy of the name they bore; we, with joyful praise and singing, honor them for ever more.
2. Faith prevailing, hope unending, loving Christ with single heart, thus they, glorious and victorious, bravely bore the martyr's part, by contempt of every anguish, by unyielding battle done; victors at the last, they triumph, with the host of angels one.

Text: O beata beatorum, Latin, 12th. C.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

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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. A special thank you to those that have already given. It is greatly appreciated.



Mary Piccolo

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

**Sunday Readings, November 1, 2020, Solemnity of All Saints**

**Reading 1, Rev 7:2-4, 9-14**

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed:

"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

**Responsorial Psalm, Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6**

**R. (see 6) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.

For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

**R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place?

One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

**R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior.

Such is the race that seeks him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

**R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

**Reading 2 1 Jn 3:1-3**

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

**Gospel Mt 5:1-12a**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

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**PRESCHOOL:** Finally Halloween week came. The children were anticipating their Halloween parties at school and Halloween activities at home. Miss Carmela's two year old class made ghosts and an E collage. Miss Meredith's three year old class made monsters and witch houses, they worked on the letter E. Miss Michelle's threes made mummies and Frankenstein monsters, they worked on the letter F. Miss Janice's four year old class made pumpkin pictures and cat masks, they studied the letter C. This week also had the boys and girls looking very sharp, as it was Picture Day this week. Unfortunately our Halloween Parade had to be postponed to next Thursday, since Mother Nature didn't cooperate with our plans.



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.**

## ALL SOULS MASS REMEMBRANCE +

Charles V. Hili, Antonia M. Hili, Henry J. Davison, Florence Davison, Maria Coitillo, Juan Coitillo, Anna Roman, Joseph Roman, Anthony Pagano, Katherine Pagano, Anthony Pagano, Edward Minicozzi, Lucy Schmitt, Eleanor Tanke, Richard Smith, Carrie Groth, Stella Mavros, Jerry Mavros, Mike Kennedy, Rita Brexel, Connie Genovese, Michael Maroni, Sally Bandow, Walter V. Hogan, Hedwig Hogan, Jennie Sardo, Henry G. Sardo, Angelina Hagemann, Anthony Vasa Pollo, John P. Hogan, Maria Falsetta, Stephen Livengood, Joseph Ercole, Ansbro & Gallagher families, Nicole M. Tedaldi, Doris V. Marin, Nery A. Diaz Marin, Millicent & John Tedaldi, John & Kenny Tedaldi, Tedaldi, Diaz & Marin families, Antonio Carbone, Edward Gwisdalla, Anna Gwisdalla, Antoinette Carbone, John Scelzi, Agatha Cirigliano, Carmela Scelzi, Mary Slaski, Frank Slaski, Sr., Louise Bruce, William Bruce, Sr., Linda Cutrone, Kristin McBride, John O'Flynn, Alice Farnell, Fred Farnell, Edward & Patricia Hafner, Maureen & Michelle Marotta, Tory, Gail, Debbie & Cathy Barriere, Clare & Bob Reinhart, Frances Gawyer, Richie Loud, Madeline Hafour, Ed & Susan Lyons, Joan Sanzone, Adrienne, Pete & Linda Peterson, Joan Fitzgerald, Baby 1 & Baby 2, Vincent Iozio, Gaspare Magnifico, Rosa C. Magnifico, Filippo Iorio, MariaJo Iorio, Joseph Manfredo, Louise Manfredo, Victor Manfredo, Eleanor Keenan, Thomas Keenan, Elinor Burke, Anne Hafner, George Hafner, Georgiann Hafner, John Hafner, Emma Hafner, Ellen Fitzpatrick, Cora Bathie, Alexander Bathie, William Bathie, Herb Sinkinson, Irene Sinkinson & family, Petrocelli & Guidice families, Keller, Irace & Mahler families, Anne Hafner, George Hafner, Ellen Fitzpatrick, John Hafner, Reid Hargrave, Irven Hargrave, Grace Hargrave, Irven Hargrave, Jr., Mary Grace Kiesel, Patrick Hargrave, Mangelli family, Yaroslava Gubernowycz, Peter Gubernowycz, John O'Rourke, Elizabeth O'Rourke, John F. O'Rourke, Jr., Rudy Fiffe, Elizabeth Barbera, Anthony Kelly, Noreen O'Rourke, Eugene, Mary & Frieda Schenck, Mary Scafidi, Ray Vaughn, Philip & Philip Jr., Schenck, Al & Ruth Sulcano, Ernest & Angie Recano, Jennie & Emilio Garibaldi, Mamie & Felix Cama, Lorraine Hysler, Joan Feinberg, Lucy, Frank & Sal Marino, Husing, Lemerise, McMahon & Schall families, Ignatius Notaro, Ida Notaro, Notaro & Dalia families, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Connolly, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Bambrick, Mr. Eugene Bambrick, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Michael Connolly, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kenny, Richard & Jeannie Bowman, Sr. Baptist Kenny, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Thompson, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Peter Thompson, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. James Bambrick, Sr. & Jr., Mrs. Patricia Benek, Mrs. Mary Alice Schneider, Louise Palumbo, Carmela Castronovo, Joseph Palumbo, Carolyn Casino, Michael Casino, Rose Amato, Ignazio Amato, Agnes Hassard, John Hassard, Arthur Swaboda, James Kelly, Jenny Bartholomew, Nicolas Bartholomew, Lillian Hess, Arthur Hess, Patricia Hodne, Karin Hodne, Jim Ryan Jr., James Ryan, Victor Hess, Rosemary Hess, Helena Hess, Ricarr Hess, Maria D'Errico, Frank D'Errico, Teresa Laurino, Donato Laurino, Caterina Primeggia, Frank Primeggia, Jennie Marretti, Michael Primeggia, Frank Primeggia, Jr., Ricardo Barreto, Blanche Barreto, Ress Scro, Rose Primeggia, Anthony Marretti, John McGurk, Marie Ruhl, John Ruhl, Mary Murphy, Bill Monahan, Billy Monahan, Angela O'Sullivan, Concetta Mirtich, Catherine DiLorenzo, Anthony DiLorenzo, Alfred C. Hesse, Mary William Fennelly, Margaret Mullen, John Vogts, Celevayo Gillman, Edward Bernier, Jeannine Willet Light, Dorothy & Stanley Willet, James Willet, Michael DeCosimo, Lawrence Caputo, Antoinette Caputo, Serafino Agnone, Antonio Agnone, Teresa Pizza Agnone, Maria Baglivo Agnone, Rosa Baglivo Agnone, Lucia Cetriola Baglivo, Michaelangelo Baglivo, Welsh, Nielsen, Werwaiss families & friends, Marie Green, Richard Green, George Pascarella, Catherine Boss, Charles L. Boss, Charles E. Boss, Marie Reilly, James J. Reilly, Connolly & McMahon families, Peter & Mary Heber, Pat Meringolo, Lillian & Frank Genovese, Rita Brexel, Constance Genovese, Mary & Mike Meringolo, Pauline Theresa Gorski, Adam Zachary Gorski, Anna Bianco, Frank Sama, Frank Bianco, Harry Tice III, Jack Dalton, Margaret Dalton, James O'Kelly, John O'Neill, Kay O'Neil, John Fries, Helen Fries, pat Kerley, Rita Galligan, Ann Pirozze, Mary Wolchik, Alexander Wolchik, Catherine Sturges, William F. Sturges, Wayne Sturges, Lorraine Snyder, Carol Zangrandi, Karen Stazzone, Oganess Bogaryan, Patrick McHugh, Thomas & Mary Feeney, Lineage family, Holy Souls



## URGENT NEED—EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE

St. Gertrude Blood Drive—Parish Center

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00am—2:00pm



To sign up, please go to: [https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/274899](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/274899). Appointment preferred however walk ins welcome if drive capacity permits.

For more information or to schedule an appointment by phone, please contact Ed Willie, [ejwillie@gmail.com](mailto:ejwillie@gmail.com) or cell: 516-776-0743.

Must wear a mask or face covering, will have temperature taken, must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from Covid-19. May not donate if are currently on self-quarantine restricted.

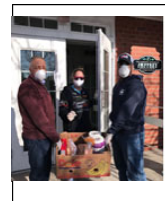


**The Catholic Ministries Appeal supports our efforts to:**



**LIVE AND SHARE OUR FAITH** by providing support for religious education programs for public school children, faith formation for those receiving the Sacraments, and vocations for the formation of our Priests, Deacons and Lay Leaders.

**CARE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE** through support for the great works of our Parish Outreach programs and Catholic Charities. The Appeal also supports other programs that help us care for God's people, including: our hospital and prison ministries, Respect Life initiatives, and our Mission in the Dominican Republic.



**BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM** by supporting programs that reach out to Catholics of all races and backgrounds, celebrate special needs Masses for children and adults, and support vibrant college campus ministry and dynamic youth ministry programs.

**Next weekend we will give everyone an opportunity to make a gift - if you have not already done so - to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

**Thank You!**

<https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>

*Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 @ 7:30pm—All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance*

We lovingly remember all those from our Parish who have recently died. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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| <i>Marie Kahn</i>          | <i>Sonia Baron</i>             | <i>Walter Baron</i>               |
| <i>Edward Gormley</i>      | <i>Helen Lucy Gomez</i>        | <i>Harry Porteus</i>              |
| <i>Vincent Tramontano</i>  | <i>Alexander Artesani</i>      | <i>Mary Rita Haggerty Doherty</i> |
| <i>Lynn Knickman</i>       | <i>Francis X. Moore, Jr.</i>   | <i>Nieves Sobrino</i>             |
| <i>Edward Fox</i>          | <i>Constance Genovese</i>      | <i>Taulafoga Leasiolagi</i>       |
| <i>Kenneth Bishop</i>      | <i>Michael Williams</i>        | <i>Joan Heaney</i>                |
| <i>Joyce Von Bottmer</i>   | <i>John J. Sciara</i>          | <i>Salvatore Raimondi</i>         |
| <i>Shannon Eileen Ryan</i> | <i>Mario Dammacco</i>          | <i>Kenneth Francis Rojek</i>      |
| <i>Theresa LaFonte</i>     | <i>John Scelzi</i>             | <i>Lawrence Reid</i>              |
| <i>Evelyn Pinnola</i>      | <i>Danielle Amanda Jackson</i> | <i>Thomas N. Gorman, Jr.</i>      |
| <i>Mary Piccolo</i>        |                                |                                   |

 **New York** Blood Center

# URGENT NEED

**EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE**

**St. Gertrude**

28 School Street, Bayville

**Sunday, November 8, 2020**

**8:00am –2:00pm**

To signup please go to –

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For more information or to schedule an appointment,

Please contact: Ed Willie, EJWillie@gmail.com OR Cell 516-776-0743

To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing

**APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED**

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- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have had a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

Please be aware that we **DO NOT** test for COVID-19.

You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested.

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1.800.933.2566

## 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 8:30am–9:30am 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 48.54% of our goal of \$54,800.

Thank you to the 74 donors who have already contributed!

## Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):  
October 25, 2020: \$ 5,667.25



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 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](http://faith.direct/NY83). Thank you.



The Parish of St. Gertrude extends its prayerful condolences to the families and friends of those in our parish who have died.



## St. Gertrude

### Church Renovation Campaign - Pledge Update

*“Preserve Our Past – Envision our Future”*

Total Pledged	\$1,069,322
Paid to Date	\$ 774,590
Balance Due	\$ 294,732
% of Pledges Paid	72%
# of Gifts	283
Average Gift	\$ 3,752

**Thank you for your prompt pledge payments!**

Pledge reminders are mailed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, if you have not received a reminder or have any questions about your payment schedule, please call Andy White (Parish Development) at 516-607-3635.

**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



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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.



"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Your marriage belongs to God. Bring God into your marriage on the 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/>

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### “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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## Saints, Here and There: Reflection on the Solemnity of All Saints

The first reading focuses us for today’s solemnity. In the Book of Revelation, St. John reports “a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue.”

This is Good News. Salvation has come not only for Israel, but for the Gentiles as well. Here is the fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham, that by his seed all the nations of the world would bless themselves (see [Genesis 22:18](#)).

The Church celebrates many famous Christians on their individual memorials, but today she praises God for all His “holy ones,” His saints. That is the title St. Paul preferred when he addressed his congregations.

Divinized by Baptism, they were already “saints” by the grace of God (see [Colossians 1:2](#)). They awaited, however, the day when they could “share in the inheritance of the saints in light” ([Colossians 1:12](#)).

And so do we, as the Scriptures give us reasons for both celebration and hope. In our second reading, St. John tells us that to be “saints” means to be “children of God”—and then he adds: “so we are”! Note that he speaks in the present tense.

Yet John also says that we have unfinished business to tend. We are already God’s children, but “what we shall be has not yet been revealed.” Thus we work out our salvation: “Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure” ([1 John 3:3](#)).

We do this as we share the life of Christ, who defined earthly beatitude for us. We are “blessed,” He says, when we are poor, when we mourn, when we are persecuted for His sake. It is then we should “Rejoice and be glad, for [our] reward will be great in heaven” ([Matthew 5:12](#)).

Until then, we pray with the Psalmist: “Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.” Salvation has come through Abraham’s seed, but it belongs to all nations. For “the Lord’s are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it” ([Psalm 24:1](#)).

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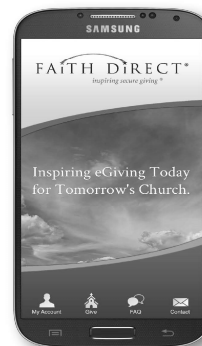
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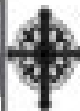
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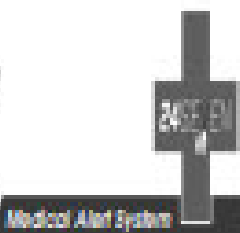
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