

# 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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**8** NOVEMBER  
2020

THIRTY-SECOND  
**SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

**STAY AWAKE,  
FOR YOU KNOW  
NEITHER THE DAY  
NOR THE HOUR.**

MATTHEW 25:13

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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>November 8</b>
7:30am	Mario Frumiento +
9:30am	Rita Brexel +
11:30am	Alexander Artesani +
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>November 9</b>
8:30am	Nicole M. Tedaldi
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>November 10</b>
8:30am	Lance Corporal John L. Schaefer +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>November 11</b>
8:30am	U. S. Military Veterans
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>November 12</b>
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>November 13</b>
8:30am	Harry Tice +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>November 14</b>
8:30am	Manuela Sabin + Grace DiMartino +
5:00pm	In Thanksgiving & a Special Intention

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** – Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

**Psalm** – My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** – Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

**Gospel** – Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

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

Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm—Fr. Gabriel

Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

9:30am—Fr. Gabriel

11:30—Msgr. Morrissey

The Parish office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Veteran's Day.



Members of the Wedding: Reflection on the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour, some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together.

This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel.

In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (see Mark 2:19). In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (see Hosea 2:16-20). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see Revelation 19:7-9; 21:1-4).

As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour.

We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God-virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (see 1 Kings 17:16). We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (see Proverbs 8:22-31, 35; 9:1-5), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet that will satisfy our souls.

By Dr. Scott Hahn

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: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home: All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home; Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; There, forever purified, in your presence to abide: Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

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### Offertory Hymn: We Remember

Refrain: We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; And we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed. Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.
2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal. Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

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### Communion: I Am the Bread of Life

Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

1. I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.
2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever.

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### Recessional Hymn: How Great Thou Art

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed;
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

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

**Sunday Readings, November 8, 2020, Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1, Wis 6:12-16**

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her,  
and found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate.

For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care, because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

**R. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory,  
For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.

As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you:

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

**Reading 2 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 *In the shorter form of the reading, the passage in brackets is omitted.***

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [ Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words. ]

**Gospel Mt 25:1-13**

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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**PRESCHOOL:** A short week due to Election Day, but the classes have already turned their attention to the next major holiday, Thanksgiving. Miss Carmela's two year old class made turkeys and a Thanksgiving placemat. Miss Meredith's three year old class made corn cobs and autumn leaves, they worked on the letter F. Miss Michelle's threes made pumpkins on a fence, gum balls and worked on the letter G. Miss Janice's four year old class made Pilgrim faces and a project based on The Little Red Hen, they studied the letter D. Although it was a few days late, our annual Halloween Parade was held on Thursday, even Mother Nature cooperated by giving us a warm day for the children to display their Halloween costumes. There were pirates, skeletons and princesses galore, as the children showed off their finery and treated everyone to Halloween poems and songs.



## URGENT NEED—EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE

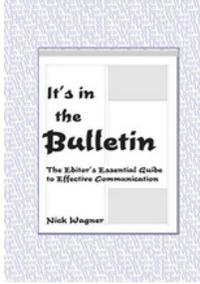


St. Gertrude Blood Drive—Parish Center  
 Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00am—2:00pm

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 full, extended version of our bulletin is available on-line on our website at: [www.stgerts.com](http://www.stgerts.com) under the “About Us” tab.

Or you can sign up to receive the weekly bulletin in your email inbox at: <https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com> or <https://www.jspaluch.com/Subscribe>

Please contact Michele at the parish office if you have any questions @ 628-1113.



*Welcome Our Newly Baptized*

Levi Michael Cestaro

William Matthew DeMaria

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm in the Lower Church.

Masks & social distancing required.



## St. Gertrude Church Renovation Campaign - Pledge Update *“Preserve Our Past – Envision our Future”*

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

**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.



**2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



*“Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor.”*

-Pope Francis

### ***This Veterans Day, Help us Support A Place to Call Home***

Charles spent 17 years deployed at military bases throughout the world. Returning home after an incident involving nerve gas, he began struggling with debilitating bouts of anxiety and depression.

His circumstances worsened and he couldn't maintain a steady job. Charles moved in with his mother, but within a year she died and his childhood home went into foreclosure.

Catholic Charities' *Project Veterans' Independence*, which guides homeless veterans into permanent housing so they can live independently and have access to support networks that get them back on their feet, reached out and helped Charles.

***“I was out of the service, out of a family, out of a job and out of a home. Catholic Charities found me and helped me to not only find a place to live - but they helped me to turn my life around.”***

- Charles, honorably discharged US Veteran

***Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone's life. Thank you!***

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA> or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296.**

### ***ALL SOULS MASS REMEMBRANCE +***

Marie A. Bologna, Anthony Bologna, Angela R. Scerbo, Hercules L. Scerbo, Catherine Bologna, Donato Bologna, for the Souls in Purgatory and for those in my heart, Andy Duffy, Jr., Kathleen Duffy Rivera, Frances Duffy, Andrew Duffy, Sr., Kitty Duffy O'Brien, Irene McKie, James McKie, Albina Mellon, Frances Metcalf, John Mellon, Frank V. Martocci, Elizabeth & Michael Martino, Adeline & Virgil Martocci, Aquilino family, James M. Cappola, Jr., Florence Vulpis, Daniel B. Vulpis, Mary Piccolo, Gerald Wolkoff, Randy Froehlich, Joseph Lupo, Sr., Vera O'Rourke, Florrie Lupo, John F. Viteritti, Sr., Anker J. Johansen, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Mallon, William S. Mack, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Edward O'Rourke, Anna C. Dwyer, Mary & Joseph Lemma, Franca & George Frignani, Rosena & Pasquale Borghese, Frank & Pasqualene Lemma, Tony Gallo, Sr., John & Eleanor Price, Arthur L. Sullivan, Flo & George Grosstephan, Bob Grosstephan, Mary Ann Schwartz, Sophie Fronckwicz, Edward Fronckwicz, George Kenny, Anntonette Kenny, George Kenny, Jr., LeRoy Williams, Ray Kenny, Dawn Noak, Cindy Fennessey, Jim Pletcher, Antonio Salarzqa, Leovigildo Anastacio, Norma Anastasio, Leonor Ferrer, Leah Fabrigar, Ben Tarroca, Consuelo Gatinao, Joe Gatinao, Nelda Banlaolay, Job Fabrigar, Tony Ferrer, Joseph Guerra, John W. Mason, Eleanor Fox, Erika Wick, Irene Damiani, Benjamin Seigel, Chris Shea, Nico Cominale, Rae Raff, John Spafford, Vincent DeLuca, Silvana DeLuca, John Aversano, Lucy Aversano, Anna & John Howes, James Collins, Henry Joseph Oehl, Regina Woodruff Bisgen, Joseph Oehl, Margaret Oehl, Ella Woodruff, Richard Bisgen, William Woodruff, Matilda Oehl, Fred Schlagenhaf, Anna Oehl, Carl Schlagenhaft, John & Catherine Bruderman, Tom & Richard Bruderman, Mastroberardino & Carrozz families, Luzzi, Chimienti & Dammacco families.

 **New York** Blood Center

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To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing

**APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED**

**Walk-ins welcome if drive capacity permits**

**DONORS PRESENTING:**

- 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.

[www.nybc.org/coronavirus](http://www.nybc.org/coronavirus)

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):

November 1, 2020: \$ 7,563.25



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 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). Thank you.



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



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.

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

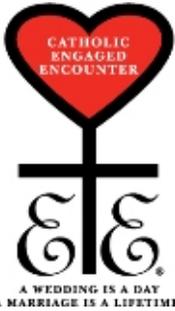
**Good Samaritan Nursing & Rehabilitation Care Center, Sayville**

**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.**



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)

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

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# 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>.

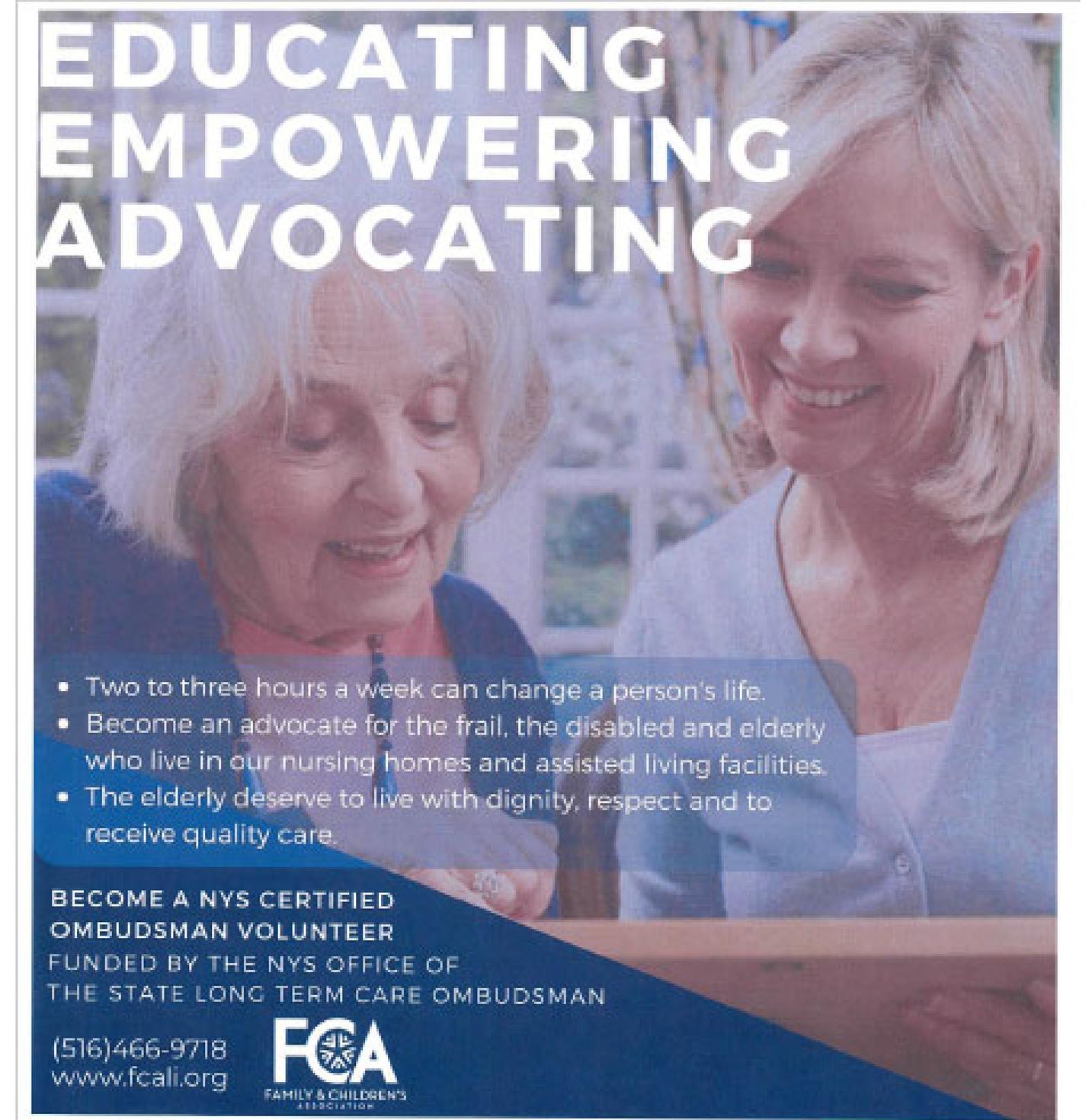


### “Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World”

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.

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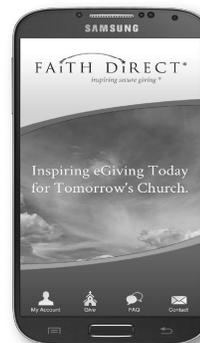
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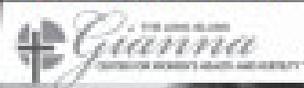
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