

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

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

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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

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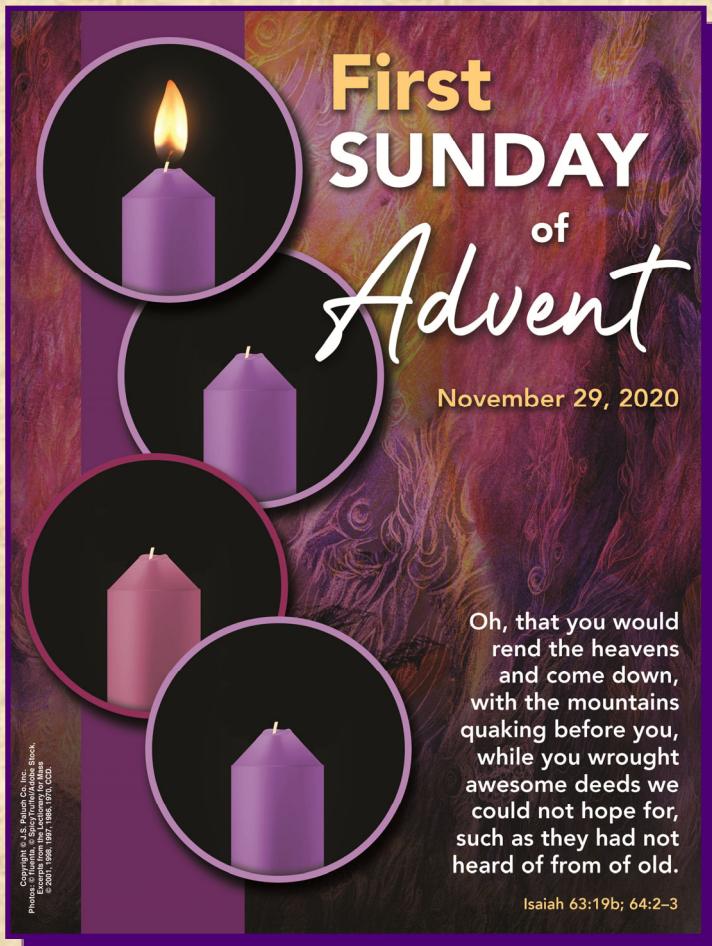
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New to our Parish? We welcome you and ask that you please stop into our Parish office to register. *The Lord told Israel to reach out to newcomers and welcome them (Leviticus 19:36).*

Remembering . . .

SUNDAY	November 29
7:30am	Manuela Sabin +
9:30am	Kenneth Bishop +
11:30am	Owen R. Clarke +
MONDAY	November 30
8:30am	Ruth Loeber +
TUESDAY	December 1
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
WEDNESDAY	December 2
8:30am	Lawrence Reid +
THURSDAY	December 3
8:30am	Michele Principe-Amodio +
FRIDAY	December 4
8:30am	Lawrence Reid +
SATURDAY	December 5
8:30am	Frank Finnerty +
	Carol Havekotte +
	Mary Sando +
	Harry J. Porteus +
5:00pm	Charles Ronald Stalker +

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm – Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading – God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel – Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, Dec. 5th: 5:00pm—Msgr. Morrissey

Sunday, Dec. 6th 7:30am—Fr. Gabriel

9:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

11:30am—Fr. Gabriel

Sunday, November 29, 2020—First Sunday of Advent: MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

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What Is the Mass?

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." It is the Lord's Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1328) calls the "inexhaustible richness" of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both "bread from heaven" and "daily bread." The Mass is our everyday miracle.

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For Those Who Need Our Prayers:

Tom Kolakowski Dennis Finn Elizabeth Finn, Jr. Roger Willet Christine Begley Kathryn Hesse

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 Mary Grace Colluci
 2nd LT Glenn Harvey
 Major Nicholas Lorusso
 Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz
 Captain Brian Peguillan
 Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez
 Capt. Thomas E. Rojek
 M Sgt. Donald J. Tucker
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 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.

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!

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. Thank you.



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



Patricia Pietrofere

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

Due to the Diocesan directive, Hymnals/missals have been removed. Please use this bulletin for music.
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, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free! From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
2. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
3. Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king: Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788. Music: Christian F. Witt's *Harmonia Sacra*, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

Offertory Hymn: Like a Shepherd

Refrain: Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home. Home, leading them home.

1. Say to the cities of Judah: Prepare the way of the Lord. Go to the mountain top, lift your voice: Jerusalem, here is your God.
2. I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray. The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and pasture them, giving them rest.

Communion: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
2. O come, thou wisdom from on high, who ord'rest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.

Text: LM with refrain; 'O' Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.; Verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; Verses 2, 7 tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Chant, Mode I; *Processionale*, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890.

Recessional Hymn: O Come, Divine Messiah

Refrain: Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come, divine Messiah; the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.

1. O come, divine Messiah; The world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.
2. O Christ, whom nations sigh for, whom priest and prophet long fore-told, come, break the captive's fetters, redeem the long lost fold.
3. You come in peace and meekness and lowly will your cradle be; All clothed in human weakness shall we your God head see.

Text: 78 76 with refrain; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by Sr. Mary of St. Philip, 1825-1904. Music: Trad. French carol, 16th cent.

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We no longer have permission from our bulletin company to publish the readings. We therefore are printing material that's applicable to each Sunday's readings (see below).

First Sunday of Advent

With Advent we begin a new church year as we renew our preparations for the coming of Christ. The scriptures show a profound movement from despair in the first reading, as we feel the wrath of God's anger and a sense of being abandoned, to the responsorial psalm, which begs us to turn toward God, and the second reading where we see a glimmer of hope. Brimstone returns in the Gospel. This sense of unease and pain is much like what we have endured throughout 2020 with COVID-19, racial struggles, and political campaigns. Frankly, everyone is ready for a restart, for a do-over, for a better year. We can understand the heartfelt prayer of the prophet Isaiah: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." Hide not your face from us, O God, but during these days of Advent may you reveal yourself to each of us once again.

BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!

When Jesus does not speak in eloquent sentences, but barks out imperative statements such as in our Gospel reading today, one can understand the urgency. There is no place for flowery language. "Be watchful! Be alert!" One has a sense that these should be written in bold or all caps! He tells the parable of the homeowner leaving his workers at home, with no knowledge of when he would return. Without phones and texts and travel schedules it could have meant the homeowner was returning sometime in the day, or sometime in the coming month or year. So Jesus is not telling us, "You have to behave for a little bit," but rather, "You must live your life and work like the homeowner is always here. You must always be prepared."

WATCH!

This author was very aware of the language of "master/servant" in the Gospel today and is reading it and praying it in light of discussions on racism in recent months. Perhaps this goes with the last imperative at the end of the parable to "Watch!" This year has taught us to be alert in our actions such as social distancing, masks, and sanitizing, as well as in our language and even our thoughts. Now how do we apply that to our spirituality, to our faith? For many, due to restrictions on numbers in church, singing, and choirs, this has meant learning to pray in a whole different way. The celebration of liturgy is the same as ever, with its focus always on the Word and the Eucharist, but for those in the pew, or still watching on livestream, the sense of active participation has taken on a very different meaning from how most of us have experienced liturgy in our lifetime. It feels like we have become spectators rather than participants. Perhaps this challenge can move us from complacency in our faith, to rediscover and relate to God in new ways, and call us to be even stronger in our personal faith. We must remain diligent. We must "watch." We must hope. We must love. We must pray.

Today's Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

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First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020
Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the
time will come.
— Mark 13:33



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 (516) 628-2432. Your donation, no matter the amount, will help our faith formation program protect our children.

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

ANGELS FOR CHRISTMAS - OUR GIVING TREE!



Caring and sharing is a joyful part of Christmas where we continue our St. Gertrude's tradition demonstrating the overwhelming generosity of our parish family. Through the years, parishioners have provided generous donations of new clothing, new toys, etc. for our needy children here at St Gertrude's - through the St. Gertrude Outreach Program.

We have children of all ages participating in our Outreach Program.



The Giving Tree is set up in the back of the Church with ANGELS identifying the children by age, gender, size, and asking for a toy and a book, we want to encourage the children to read!



Please take an angel and return it with a gift for the child. The gift MUST BE WRAPPED and MUST HAVE THE ANGEL AFFIXED TO THE GIFT in order to ensure the right gift goes to the right child.

The gift must be placed under the tree NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 14.

Thank you for your generosity! ❤

Have a Blessed Christmas!

For further information, please email: cyndyergen@hotmail.com

Our Boy Scout Troop will be selling Christmas wreaths starting Sunday, November 29th and Sunday, December 6th after each 9:30am & 11:30am Masses. Please support our troop.



For the week of 11/22:

The classes were all in high gear this week prepping their Thanksgiving projects to decorate their classrooms and homes. Miss Carmela's two year old class made cornucopias and made Native American headbands and necklaces. Miss Meredith's three year old class made hedgehogs and thankful feathers, they worked on the letter H. Miss Michelle's threes made leaf placemats and sweet potato pie, they worked on the letter I. Miss Janice's four year old class also made thankful feathers and pumpkin pies, they studied the letter F. Fall parent/teacher conferences also took place this week. On behalf of our preschool family, we wish all of the St. Gertrude's family a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

For the week of 11/29:

This week the classes finished making their Thanksgiving decorations and had Thanksgiving Feasts in their classrooms with their preschool family. Class parents coordinated food donations from the parents for the feasts. The 2 and three year old classes made Native American head bands and necklaces, the four year old class made Pilgrim hats and collars. The children recited some Thanksgiving poems and sang some Thanksgiving songs, that the staff took video of, to send home. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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 1st 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.

Background Screening Update

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**

Sign the Codes of Conduct;

Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website:

www.Virtus.org

Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.

Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at - or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account.

Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked. The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

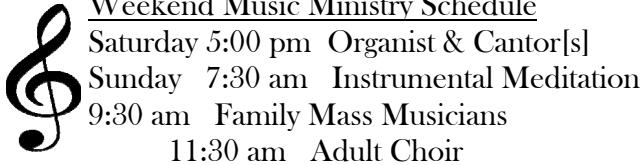
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To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org;

pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.



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

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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.

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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PROGRAMS FOR FRAIL AND MEMORY IMPAIRED SENIORS

What's the best kept secret in Oyster Bay?

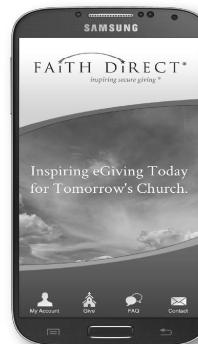
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Your IRA is a traditional or Roth

You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

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.

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

Wills and Bequests have the power to impact future generations. It's so easy to include our Parish in your Will and still provide for loved ones. You may be able to make a simple bequest by adding the following language:

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$ _____ (or the % of), to be used for the general program of St. Gertrude Parish, a Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre."

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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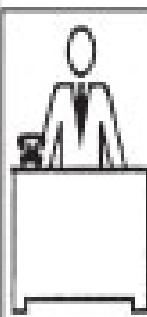
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