

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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Second SUNDAY
of
Advent

December 6, 2020

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4

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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	December 6
7:30am	Rosary Guild, living & deceased members
9:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
11:30am	Constance Genovese +
MONDAY	December 7
8:30am	Michele J. Principe Amodio +
5:00pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
TUESDAY	December 8
8:30am	Manuela Sabin +
7:30pm	Vivian Lorenzo +
WEDNESDAY	December 9
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
THURSDAY	December 10
8:30am	Stella & Aniello Taglimonte +
FRIDAY	December 11
8:30am	Kristen Casillo +
SATURDAY	December 12
8:30am	Dr. Francis X. Moore + Agnes Moore Higgins + Frank Finnerty +
5:00pm	Robert Tadas + Michele J. Principe Amodio +

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, Dec. 12th: 5:00pm—Fr. Gabriel

Sunday, Dec. 13th 7:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

9:30am—Fr. Gabriel

11:30am—Fr. Msgr. Morrissey

The Parish office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 8th in observance of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God is with us). Matthew 1:23

Straighten the Path: Reflection on the Second Sunday of Advent

Our God is coming. The time of exile—the long separation of humankind from God due to sin—is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today's liturgy.

Isaiah in today's First Reading promises Israel's future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today's Gospel shows, Israel's historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God—the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God. God sent an angel before Israel to lead them in their exodus towards the promised land (see Exodus 23:20). And He promised to send a messenger of the covenant, Elijah, to purify the people and turn their hearts to the Father before the day of the Lord (see Malachi 3:1, 23-24).

John the Baptist quotes these, as well as Isaiah's prophecy, to show that all of Israel's history looks forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has reached down from heaven and made His glory to dwell on earth, as we sing in today's Psalm.

He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract but for each of us. The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today's readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. He has been patient with you, Peter says in today's Epistle.

Like Jerusalem's inhabitants in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him.

Today, let us hear the beginning of the Gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion. By Dr. Scott Hahn

Holyday of Obligation—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass: Dec. 7th @ 5:00pm

Masses: Dec. 8th 8:30am & 7:30pm

**ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH
STATEMENT OF POSITION
FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020**

	ACTUAL 2020
ASSETS	
Checking Accounts	\$ 83,165
Savings Accounts	215,450
Campaign Savings	
Other Current Assets	<u>3,259</u>
	\$
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>600,873</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 52,588
Program Fees Collected in Advance	11,035
Deferred Revenue	8,100
Uncelebrated Mass Intentions	<u>6,659</u>
	\$
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>78,382</u>
NET ASSETS	
Unappropriated General Net Assets	\$ 256,049
Temporarily Restricted Net Asset	<u>266,442</u>
	\$
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>522,491</u>

**ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS**

FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020	
REVENUE	
Collections: Weekly and Holydays	\$ 446,137
Parish Programs including Preschool	207,145
Auxiliary Revenue: donations, etc.	123,732
Non Operating Revenue	<u>23</u>
	\$
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	<u>777,037</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries	\$ 290,191
Fringe Benefits	106,552
Parish Programs	57,070
Interparish School Assessment	60,952
Office Expense	74,738
Auxiliary Expense: Liturgical/Assessment	71,849
Rectory Household/Operations	18,969
Buildings: Maintenance/Utilities	<u>198,997</u>
	\$
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	<u>879,318</u>
	\$
NET OPERATING LOSS	<u>(102,281)</u>
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	
Restricted donations	\$ 211,782
Capital Improvements/Renovations	<u>428,357</u>
	\$
NET CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DISBURSEMENTS	<u>(216,575)</u>
	\$
TOTAL DEFICIT	<u>(318,856)</u>

Support Our Religious.

Our second collection this weekend, Dec. 5th & 6th is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. **Please be generous.**

Church of St. Gertrude Renovation Update as of 11/10/20

<u>PHASE I</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Paid to Date</u>
Replace roof	Ongoing	\$ 165,493.00
Addition with handicapped bathrooms	Ongoing	\$ 75,673.00
Clean/Restain exterior shingles	Completed	\$ 46,800.00
Repair/Replace exterior entrances	Ongoing	\$ 23,067.00
Repaint/Repair of exterior trims, window frames	Ongoing	\$ 28,540.00
Stained glass triangle windows	Completed	\$ 16,700.00

<u>PHASE II</u>		
Update of Electical and Lighting	Ongoing	\$ 13,500.00
Refurbish and reupholster pews and kneelers	Completed	\$ 41,319.00
Install wood flooring and new rug	Completed	\$ 61,829.00
Repairs on stained glass windows in Church	Ongoing	\$ 2,675.00

		\$ 475,596.00
Fundraising Consultant fees	Ongoing	\$ 69,950.00
Architect fees	Ongoing	\$ 49,978.00
Misc postage, printing, permit fees	Ongoing	\$ 15,614.00
Other construction	Completed	\$ 10,395.00

		\$ 621,533.00
Remaining to be paid on existing projects		\$ 211,121.00

Total estimated cost through phase II		\$ 832,654.00
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Current Bank Balance		\$ 237,862.00
Estimated Pledges to be received by end of 2022		\$ 210,012.00
Less: Amount remaining to be paid		\$ (211,121.00)

Available for future phases		\$ 236,753.00
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Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):
November 29, 2020: \$ 7,249.00. Thank you for your prayerful and generous support of our parish family.

Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, December 9th
7:30pm in the Lower Church.
Masks & social distancing
required.



Andrew DeNatale

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



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

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



JINGLE BELLS JINGLE BELLS

We want to put some Jingle in your pocket. St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild is sponsoring a Christmas 50/50 Raffle. \$10 a chance!

Drawing will take place on January 3, 2021, the Feast of the Epiphany. Fill out the form below and with your check payable to the Rosary Guild drop it into the collection, mail it to the rectory, or purchase from one of Santa's helpers who will be outside the Church after all Masses the month of December. Good Luck!



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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____



As soon as we returned from the Thanksgiving recess all the classes got to work on the next big holiday and every child's favorite, Christmas. Miss Carmela's two year old class made Christmas stockings, a tree ornament for the Bayville Fire House tree and a star to decorate our school bulletin board. Miss Meredith's three year old class made Christmas tree window decorations, they also made ornaments for the Bayville Fire House tree and they worked on the letter I. Miss Michelle's threes mixed yellow and blue paint for their classroom Christmas tree, they also made ornaments for the Bayville Fire House and they worked on the letter J. Miss Janice's four year old class made Advent calendars and also made Christmas stockings, they studied the letter G. This was the first week for our winter weather drop off procedure in the morning, which went into effect for everyone this year.

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. We no longer have permission to publish the readings due to a loss of copyright benefits (all translated versions of the Bible are copyright protected). Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Entrance Hymn: On Jordan's Bank

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every soul from sin: Make straight the way of God within, prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our sure reward: Shine forth, and let thy light restore our souls to heavenly grace once more.

Type: Words and Music; First Line: On Jordan's Bank the baptist's cry Contributors: Gary Miles. Tune: Gary Miles, © 1974, Celebration Text: Original text by Coffin; trans. by Chandler.

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: Maranatha

Refrain: Maranatha, we long for your peace. Maranatha, we long for your mercy. Maranatha, we long for your coming, O God.

1. In your image you have fashioned us, in the garden you made us; you have given us your breath of life, voice to praise your name, voice to praise your name.
2. In our weakness we have turned from you, turned from light to the darkness, ever longing for salvation, O Lord of light, O Lord of light.
3. In your love you have sent your Son, your salvation for everyone; Word incarnate, God's compassion, hope for human kind, hope for human kind.

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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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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
 LT Terrance Thorgramson
 LT Emily W. Hegarty
 US Army E-1 Richard F. Charon

LT Cmdr. Melissa Buffa
 Major Janet R. Erazo
 LT Col. Paul J. LoBue
 Sgt. 5 Jose Marin
 Major James Nicholson
 LTJG William P. Hegarty
 LT Sean Riordan
 Cpl. Brendan Roethel
 Sp. Trevor Tebaldi
 2nd LT James Andrew Baker
 LT Elizabeth G. Hegarty
 LT Alexander Van Patten USAF

Pfc. Mark Chuisano
 Cmdr. Cynthia Keating
 PO3 Gregory Steiner
 Airman Bryan Mollitor
 LT Col. Sean Patak
 Sfc. Sean P. Schenck
 Cpl. Jason Roland
 Spc. Chase Tucker
 Sgt. William Trotta, Jr.
 Major Chad Lennon
 Ens. James Figari
 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!

Parish Financial Summary



Our parish is responsible for our portion of the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We are currently at 49.32% of our goal of \$54,800. Thank you to the 76 donors who have already contributed!

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. Thank you.

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.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

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 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.



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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?

The Day Break Program at the Life Enrichment Center, a Social Model Adult Day Care program serving frail and memory-impaired seniors since 1999. Day Break provides high-quality, affordable therapeutic services in a safe, comforting and socially engaging environment. Participants benefit from cognitive activities, exercise, music, social interaction and much, much more. Aging at home presents many challenges; the Day Break Program can improve the quality of life of both participant and caregiver. **Long term care insurance and Medicaid MLTCs accepted.** For a **free trial visit**, contact Ruth Humphreys at 516-558-7211.

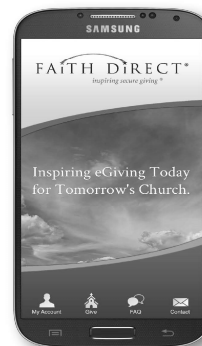
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What's called a rollover is actually a "qualified charitable distribution" that can be made to our Parish.

If...

You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift

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.

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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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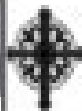
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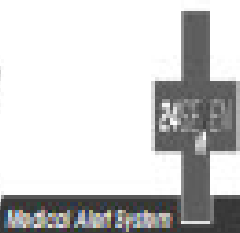
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