

# 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

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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## FOURTH SUNDAY

OF  
*Advent*

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me  
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



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>December 20</b>
7:30am	Rita Brexel +
9:30am	Deacon Al Leasiolagi +
11:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 21</b>
8:30am	Sp4 Richard C. Bachert + Sp4 Earl W. Thomas, Jr. +
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 22</b>
8:30am	Frank Martocci +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 23</b>
8:30am	Joseph & Francesca Carbone +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 24</b>
8:30am	Michael Primeggia +
2:00pm (Church)	Andrew DeNatale +
2:00pm (PC)	Steven Salerno +
4:00pm (Church)	Jeamine Willett Light +
4:00pm (PC)	Mario Dammacco +
6:30pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
12:00am	Sylvester & Nicoletta Della Ratta & deceased family members +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 25</b>
7:30am	Fennelly, Mullen & Hesse families +
9:30am	Wayne Wright +
11:30am	Mario Frumiento +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 26</b>
8:30am	Nita DeCesare + Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families + Manuela Sabin +
5:00pm	In Thanksgiving and a Special Intention

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2020**

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.  
—*Luke 1:35*



**Presider's Schedule:** (subject to change)  
Saturday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm—Fr. Gabriel  
Sunday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30am—Msgr. Morrissey  
9:30am—Fr. Gabriel  
11:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>:  
2:00pm—Church  
2:00pm—Parish Center  
4:00pm—Church  
4:00pm—Parish Center  
6:30pm—Church  
11:30pm—Carols followed by  
12:00am (midnight) -Church

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:  
7:30am—Church  
9:30am—Church  
11:30—Church

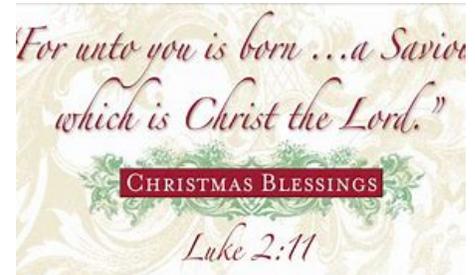
Please note masses have been added per Diocese directive to insure social distancing.



Confessions will be held in the Church on:  
Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> between 3:00pm-5:00pm.  
and

Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> between 4:00pm-4:45pm

Please insure social distancing and wear a mask. Thank you.



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2020

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

When he was elected as a Successor of St. Peter on March 13, 2013, our Holy Father chose the name *Francis*. It was a weighty decision with a prophetic message. Especially now, seven years later and with the publication of his latest encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* from the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi on October 3, 2020, the significance of the choice is clear: Pope Francis connects his papacy to St. Francis.

Through the ministry of our Holy Father, St. Francis of Assisi is close to the Church in these times. Therefore, as we draw near to Bethlehem at the end of this difficult year, I wish to recall two points Pope Francis highlights from the life of St. Francis. One will help us celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord; the other indicates a grace for which to pray during the holy season.

First, in his 2019 Apostolic Letter *Admirabile Signum: On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*, Pope Francis emphasizes St. Francis of Assisi's foundational role in our celebration of Christmas. The Holy Father recalls the origins of the crèche and the first nativity scene inspired by the holy friar in 1223, by which the saint sought "to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem." Importantly, the remembrance of Christ's birth that St. Francis desired to convey was brought alive in Greccio, a small village in Italy, not by statues but by people from the surrounding towns and countryside. Together with St. Francis, his friars, an ox and a donkey, they gathered at a cave to behold a manger full of hay over which the Eucharist was celebrated. That Christmas night, almost 800 years ago, Pope Francis reminds us, "the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present." That night, there was "no distance between the original event and those sharing in its mystery." (2) Encountering Christ, there was simply joy and hope.

This Christmas, in our world laden with the Crosses of COVID-19, political and economic turmoil, racism, financial hardship, and so many other societal ills and challenges – challenges that impact us on Long Island – let us remember this lesson from Greccio: Christmas is an event to be lived. It demands our participation. Like the women and men who embodied that first crèche, we must be present to Christ who is born for us. We must behold and receive Him.

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Second, in *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis shows St. Francis as an icon of Christocentric-listening. With great humility and charity, the saint reverently listened to others. He was present to the various voices in his life – the voice of God, the voice of his neighbor, the voice of the poor, the voice of the sick, the voice of nature – and by truly hearing them, he was an instrument of peace, healing, and understanding. How different it can be for us! The Holy Father says well what we know: “Today’s world is largely a deaf world...At times, the frantic pace of the modern world prevents us from listening attentively to what another person is saying.” Aware of this fact, the Pope encourages us, in the midst of our hectic and polarized world, to be like St. Francis and “not lose our ability to listen.” (48)

This Christmas, when we approach the crib, let us ask for the grace to be attentive listeners. Let us ask for the grace to be like St. Francis, so that we may hear the voice of God and the voice of our neighbor and respond with the radical charity he exhibited.<sup>1</sup>

Like Pope Francis, may we be moved by the example of St. Francis, and may St. Francis of Assisi’s love for the Mystery of the Nativity, his ecstatic mysticism, his love for the poor, and his spirit of universal fraternity animate our celebration of Christmas this year.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+   
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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.

### **Entrance Hymn: 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 Psalterium Canticum 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.

### **Offertory: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

Refrain: Most highly favored lady! Gloria!

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame: "All hail", said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,"
2. "For know a blessed Mother you shall be, all generations praise continually, your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold."
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head: "To me be as it pleases God!" she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."

Text: 10 10 12 10; Birjina gaztettobat zegoen; trad. Basque carol; tr. by Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924.

### **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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If you are not able to join us at one of our Christmas Masses at St. Gertrude, the CFN offers a variety of Masses from different Churches. Catholic Faith Network may be viewed on Optimum Ch. 29/137 and on Verizon Fios Ch. 296 for further information view CFN on line at: [www.CFNTV.org](http://www.CFNTV.org). Some of the Masses that will be offered are:

Christmas Eve

- 8:30 am and 12:30 pm - Christmas Eve Mass from St. Agnes Cathedral
- 3:30 pm - Christmas Eve Mass from St. Peter's Basilica
- 8:30 pm - 41st Annual A City Singing At Christmas from St. Patrick's Cathedral
- 11:30 pm - Midnight Mass from St. Agnes Cathedral



Christmas Day

- 6:00 am and 10:00 pm - Pope Francis's Urbi et Orbi Blessing
- 11:00 am and 7:00 pm - Christmas Day Mass from St. Agnes Cathedral
- 3:30 pm - Christmas Day Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral
- 5:00 pm - 41st Annual A City Singing At Christmas from St. Patrick's Cathedral



We wish you all a very Blessed Christmas. The parish office will close at 12:00pm on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd then closed on Thursday, Dec. 24th & Friday Dec. 25th in celebration of this joyful season.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

 The Christmas spirit was in the preschool this week even though it was a short week due to the holiday, as the classes continued to work on Christmas projects. Miss Carmela's two year old class made Christmas wreaths and Frosty the Snowman pictures, they also worked on the letter G. Miss Meredith's three year old class made reindeer and a manger ornament, they also worked on the letter J. Miss Michelle's threes made recycled ornaments and decorated pine cones, they also worked on the letter K. Miss Janice's four year old class made Christmas trees and Christmas stockings and they studied the letter H. All the classes made ornaments for the Bayville Firehouse Christmas tree, which were sent over this week. The preschool is still collecting mittens, hats and scarves for the Outreach Program, we will hand them in on December 22nd.

## St. Gertrude

### Church Renovation Campaign - Pledge Update

*“Preserve Our Past – Envision our Future”*

Total Pledged	\$1,073,322
Paid to Date	\$ 812,763
Balance Due	\$ 260,559
% of Pledges Paid	76%
# 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.



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!

## 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 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.

### 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!*



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

## Parish Financial Summary

### Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

December 6, 2020: \$6,254.00.

There will be a Diocese second collection this weekend, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> for Religious Retirement.



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.

## ***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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:mmcmahon@drvc.org); [amendoza-cantos@drvc.org](mailto:amendoza-cantos@drvc.org); [jwinter@drvc.org](mailto:jwinter@drvc.org);

[pditomasso@drvc.org](mailto: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>.

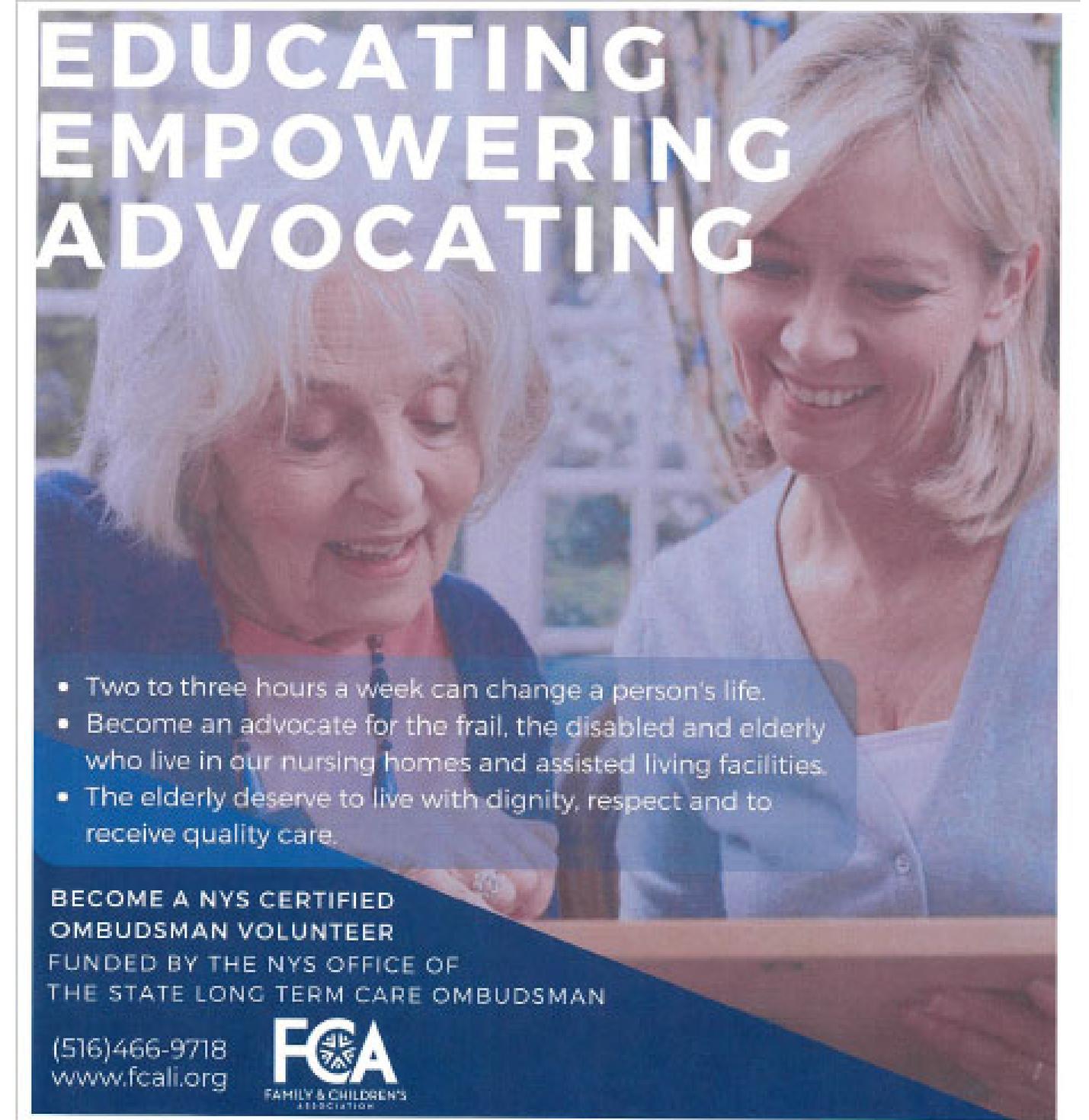


### “Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World”

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](mailto:svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com)



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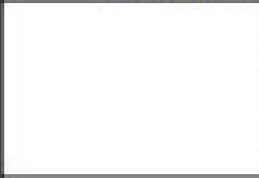
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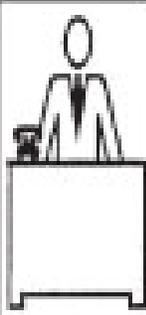
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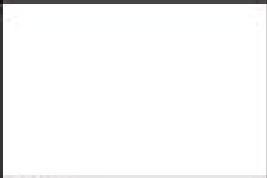
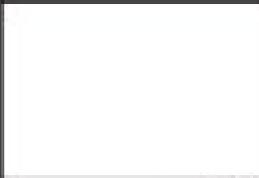
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