

# 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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December 27, 2020



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child grew and became strong,  
filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40



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 27</b>
7:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
9:30am	Megan Farley +
11:30am	Luke Grecco +
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 28</b>
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 29</b>
8:30am	Manuela Sabin +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 30</b>
8:30am	Ambrose Fusillo +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 31</b>
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
5:00pm	Sylvester & Nicoletta Della Ratta families +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 1</b>
8:30am	Madeleine Condra +
11:00am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 2</b>
8:30am	Agatha Cirigliano +
5:00pm	Nunzio Pecoraro +

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** – Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins

(Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) *or* Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

**Psalm** – Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or* Psalm 105.

**Second Reading** – Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or* Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

**Gospel** – The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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

Saturday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 5:00pm—Msgr. Morrissey

Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30am—Fr. Gabriel

9:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

11:30am—Fr. Gabriel

## WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

**December 27, 2020**

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

*Luke 2:30-31*

### New Year's Mass Schedule

12/31 -New Year's Eve: 5:00pm

1/1—New Year's Day: 8:30am & 11:00am



## 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
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LT Emily W. Hegarty	LT Elizabeth G. Hegarty	Ens. James Figari
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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

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

December 13, 2020: 7,497.15



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.

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: Angels We Have Heard on High**

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis De-o! Gloria in excelsis De-o!

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
4. See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

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### **Offertory: What Child is This?**

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe the son of Mary.

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent word is pleading.
3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

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### **Communion: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth the ever lasting light: The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

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### **Recessional Hymn: Sing a New Song**

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountain high. Sing a new song un to the Lord, singing alleluia.

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.
3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord. The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives.

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Virtual Little Rock  
Scripture  
Study

Adult  
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**1 Corinthians**

The virtual bible study will begin on January 15 and continue through March 19.

**2 Corinthians**

The plan is to study Second Corinthians in the spring or fall of 2021.

First Corinthians deals with divisions in the believing community at Corinth and the harm that they inflict on 'the body of Christ.' Paul deals with many individual ethical problems in the community. He instructs the community concerning true wisdom; the supreme importance of love; gifts of the Spirit and the nature of the resurrection.

There is one commentary and two study guides for a total cost of approximately \$24. If the pandemic has affected your finances and you want to attend, please let us know.

The group will meet on Fridays 9:30 am to 11 am on Zoom. Zoom is a free program or App for your computer or smart phone. For more information or questions contact: Nancy Head 628-8467.

**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.



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_



This week was a really short week, but a fun one here at the preschool, as Christmas recess started midweek. On the day before the break, all the classes had Christmas parties in their rooms. Santa unfortunately couldn't make it down from the North Pole as he usually does to give out his gifts to the children this year, but he did send his elves who dropped off a bag for each class by Santa's sleigh. The classes went in to pose for pictures with their teacher by the sleigh, when they received their presents. It wasn't all fun and games as the classes got some work in. Miss Carmela's two year old class colored some Christmas sheets. Miss Meredith's three year old class made reindeer and Christmas trees. Miss Michelle's threes wrapped up all their Christmas projects. Miss Janice's four year old class made trains in honor of their Polar Express Day. We hope that your Christmas was a happy one and that the coming year be brighter for all our St. Gertrude's families.

# 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.



Thank you for your generous support of the  
2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2020 pledge ensures that our Parish  
will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please prayerfully consider making  
a donation to the Appeal.

Pledges can be accepted until December 31, 2020  
and payments can be made through January 31, 2021!

Join us as we join together as *One Family in Mission!*

**Thank You!**

The Parish office will close on Thursday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00pm as well as on Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in recognition of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. We wish you and your family a blessed New Year and pray that 2021 will be a stronger, healthier and happier year.



## ***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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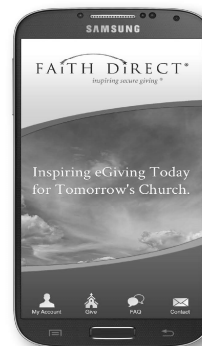
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Your IRA is a traditional or Roth

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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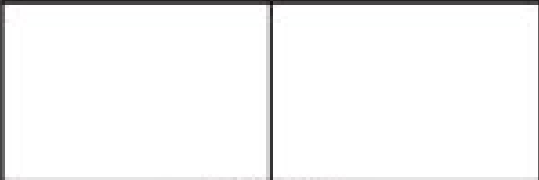
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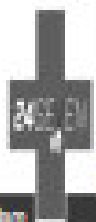
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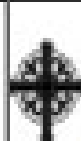


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