



# St. Gerard Majella Roman Catholic Church

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday — Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm  
Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm Closed Friday and Saturday

## Mass & Devotions

Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm  
Weekdays: 9:00am  
Rosary: Monday – Friday: 8:30am  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Monday - Friday: 9:30 am  
First Saturday: 11:00am Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

## Penance

The sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated on Saturdays from 3:45pm-4:45pm. You may call the Parish Office to make an appointment with one of the priests.

## Baptism

Baptisms are typically held twice a month at 1:30pm. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to set a date. Selection of godparents should be made after speaking with one of the priests or deacons.

## Marriage

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for your wedding at least six months in advance. No date can be set until the couple meets with a member of the clergy.

## Parish Outreach Hours

### Food Pantry

Tuesday: 11:30am-3:00pm  
Wednesday: 12:30pm-3:00pm  
Thursday: 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:30pm-5:30pm

### Thrift Shop/Barn

Monday — Thursday: 10:00am-4:00pm  
Friday: 10:00am-2:00pm  
Donations accepted Monday-Thursday: 10:00am-3:00pm and Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm. Please refer to our website for a list of items that can be donated.

### Stewardship Supper

The Thursday evening dinner is served between 4:30pm and 5:30pm. All are welcome.

The same LORD  
is LORD of all.  
Everyone who  
calls upon the  
name of the  
LORD  
will be saved.

**THE SEASON  
OF LENT**

You who dwell  
in the shelter  
of the Most High,  
no evil shall befall you,  
for to his angels he has  
given command about  
you that they guard you  
in all your ways.

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Sunday, March 9, 2025  
First Sunday of Lent



## A Message from our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

So, “What are you doing for Lent?” -- the question that, as we do each year at this time, you’ve probably been asking yourself and others since Ash Wednesday when we began our Lenten journey. This sacred time is marked by three characteristics – *increased prayer*, *sacrificial penance*, and *greater charity*. When all three are lived out in some way throughout Lent, the result can be amazing. Just as regular exercise and a balanced diet contribute to our physical health, increasing our *prayer*, *penance*, and *charity* contributes to a deepening of our relationship with God.

In case you haven’t decided what to do this Lent, allow me to share some ideas for you to consider.

### “Father Greg’s Top 10 Suggestions for a Fruitful Lent”

1. Take 15 minutes each day to pray the Rosary.
2. When you drive into a parking lot, if you are able, take a spot far from your intended destination, and offer those extra steps for someone whom you know may be struggling in some way.
3. Download the awesome app “Hallow” and use its many resources to deepen and improve your daily prayer life.
4. Attend the Stations of the Cross at least once during this Lent. (It’s held on Friday evenings.)
5. Join us for our Joint-Parish Lenten Mission, April 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>.
6. Donate some groceries to our Food Pantry.
7. Write a letter – yes, a good, ol’ pen and paper letter! – to a former teacher, coach, friend, or mentor who made a positive impact on your life, and say “Thank you”!
8. In addition to Sunday Mass, get to Mass once or twice during the week.
9. Watch “The Chosen” and take some time prayerfully after each episode to consider what you can learn from the episode. Write down your thoughts, and revisit them at the end of Lent.
10. Call a family member, friend, or neighbor whom you think might be feeling lonely or isolated, and assure them that they’re never forgotten.

When I was working at Hofstra University as the Catholic Chaplain, one of the rabbis who worked in the Interfaith Center asked me if there was a particular greeting one would say on Ash Wednesday. After all, we say, “Merry Christmas,” and “Happy Easter.” “Is there,” he asked, “a salutation for Lent?” I thought for a moment and responded rather puzzled that there wasn’t. After a moment, he said to me, “Well, may you have a meaningful Lent.” That’s it! Let’s make this Lent MEANINGFUL, so that our joy may abound when we approach the Easter Season of the Resurrection!

I look forward to seeing you and your family in church this Lent. Please keep us clergy in your prayers, as you are in ours every day!

Sincerely yours in Christ,





We invite you to join us for the  
Stations of the Cross every Friday  
during Lent at 7pm in the Church.

*Through the cross, hope is found.*



## JOINT-PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2025

FOR INFANT JESUS AND ST. GERARD'S

*REDEMPTION THROUGH GRACE:*

*A LENTEN REFLECTION ON MERCY*



Fr. Matthew Browne, S.T.L., is a native of Long Island, having grown up in Valley Stream. After graduating from Kellenberg High School and St. John's University, Fr. Browne attended Catholic University of America for seminary studies, earning an advanced degree in Theology. He was ordained in 2019 and currently serves as the Director of Evangelization and Catechesis as well as the Bishop's Delegate to the Education Department while living at the cathedral parish.

APRIL 1ST AND 2ND

AT ST. GERARD MAJELLA CHURCH

(EASY PARKING AND NO STEPS!)

7:15PM BOTH NIGHTS

300 TERRYVILLE ROAD, PORT JEFF. STA.

BE REFRESHED. BE RENEWED. DRAW CLOSER TO GOD.



## Parish Outreach Ministry

*“Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.”*

*—St. Louise de Marillac*

### **Food Pantry Needs**

- Granola Bars
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Canned Chicken
- Jelly
- Soup
- Canned Tuna
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Beef Stew
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Feminine Products
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Toothpaste/  
Toothbrushes



*As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.*

### **Soup Kitchen Needs**

- College Inn Beef and Chicken Broth
- Large bags of Pasta
- Olive Oil
- Baked Beans
- 4C Bread Crumbs
- Dried Split Peas
- Dried Lentils

### Helpful Phone Numbers:

Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124  
 Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827  
 American Red Cross - LI: 516-747-3500  
 Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900  
 Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800  
 Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546  
 Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480  
 Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547  
 Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542  
 Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758  
 Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030  
 L.I. Women’s Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833  
 Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262  
 National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE  
 Response Crisis Center: 631-751-7500 (Suicide Hotline)  
 The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200  
 Conexión Linea de Crisis (M-F: 5-10 PM) 631-751-7423V  
 Victims Information Bureau (Advocacy, Counseling): 631-360-3606  
 Women’s Services (Town of Brookhaven): 631-698-2074

**Outreach Ministry donation  
made in lovingly memory of:**

**Antonio Puccio**



### **Welcome Friends Free Curbside Meal Program**

**Monday: 5:00 – 6:00 PM**  
Christ Episcopal Church  
127 Barnum Avenue, Port Jeff Village

**Tuesday: 1:00 – 1:30 PM**  
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church  
390 Patchogue Rd. (Rt. 112), Port Jeff Station

**Wednesday: 5:00 – 6:00 PM**  
First Presbyterian Church  
Corner of Main St. and South St., Port Jeff Village

**Thursday: 4:00 – 5:30 PM**  
Doors Open at 4pm Sit Down Only between  
4:30pm and 5:30pm  
St. Gerard Majella Church

**Friday: 3:30 – 5:00 PM**  
First Presbyterian Church  
Corner of Main St. and South St., Port Jeff Village



# Religious Education



## 2025 Class Masses

Sunday, March 16	10:00	Level 3
	12:00	Level 8
Saturday, March 29	5:00	Level 4
Sunday, April 6	12:00	Level 7
	2:00–7:00	Level 8 Confirmation Retreat & Mass
Sunday, April 27	10:00	Level 1 Followed by Parish
		Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, May 11	10:00	May Crowning after Mass &
		Fellowship Sunday Breakfast

## Family Prayers for Lent

*One of the real challenges that we too often find in our busy lives is finding time to be together as a family. It is especially difficult to find opportunities to pray together. Here are a few possibilities for praying as a family during Lent or at any other time of the year.*

### Prayer before Meals

*Meals are a natural time to pray as a family. We can begin by simply saying, "Let's pray," or "Let's pause for a minute to give thanks." This can be a brief prayer. Brief prayer doesn't have to be without substance or power.*

### Praying at Other Times

*In the Morning: It can be quite transformative of our family bonds, in faith, to pause very briefly to pray together in the morning. This might be a spontaneous prayer, such as while we are lying in bed. When we are rushing around one another in the kitchen and grabbing breakfast, it can be wonderful to pause to pray and simply ask the Lord to be with each of us in what we are about to do.*

*Other times: Such as cleaning up or in preparation for guests coming for dinner or for an overnight slumber party. We might share the responsibility for designing the family prayer for special occasions: birthdays, anniversaries, the beginning and end of a school year, the beginning of a new endeavor.*

### Simple Rituals

*We can easily add gestures that bring powerful prayer to our family life. One of the simplest and most natural gestures is to trace a cross on a loved one's forehead.*

### Praying for One Another

*The most important part of family prayer is perhaps the easiest to overlook: how we hold one another up to the Lord. Even when we are not physically together as a praying family, we want to pray for one another.*

*May our Lord bless our praying, especially at home, in the community of our family, in these days of Lent.*

*(Loyola Press)*

# Mass Intentions and Presider Schedule for the Week of March 10 – March 16

**Monday, March 10**

9:00am Marguerite Mayer

**Tuesday, March 11**

9:00am Roger Russell

**Wednesday, March 12**

9:00am Msg. Frank Schneider, Antonio Puccio III,  
Salvatore Rizzo,

**Thursday, March 13**

9:00am Carmela Marcantonio

**Friday, March 14**

9:00am Ida & Peter Trink

**Saturday, March 15**

5:00pm Pasquale Cornacchioli, Deborah Michelsen,  
Paul Szabo, Sheila Dowd

**Sunday, March 16**

8:00am The Intentions of Fr. Vitus Ezeiruaku  
10:00am Ann Garcia  
12:00pm Agnes Dell'Aglio



Fr. Grieco

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### Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection - \$8,335.00

### Weekly Memorials



***Our Sanctuary Candle has been lovingly  
donated in honor of:***

***Kaileigh***

### *Prayers for the Sick*

All the sick and residents of Atria, St. Joseph's Village Woodhaven Adult Home & Nursing Home & Jefferson's Ferry, Luke John Carusillo, Erin Whitehead, LouEllen Klints, Arline & Paul Guma, Charles Ricottone, Ted Claesen, Connie & Frank Biscardi, Ronnie Pryor, Vinnie Surwilo, Barbara Klein-Croner, Jack Grob, Robert Mutschler, Joan Francavilla, Barbara & Pat Consorte, Susan Patton, Nancy Mulvihill, Paul Csorba, Antonio Loiacone, Mario Cappellieri, Vincent Ricottone, Dale Beck, Marie Bilbao, Patricia Murray, Ericka Medrano, Leonardo Alfuentes, Donald Derham, Joanne Dorvil, Gregory Litterello, Kristine McDonald, Jeannette, Frank Perugini, Thomas Hayes, Pina Carpitella, Brian Moore, Baby Paul Donnelly, Daniel Dinan, Anthony Paletto, Jaclyn Lin, Mary Louise Delano, Jean Maglione, Brenda Fort, Michael Maglione, Denise Tesone Shaw, Donna DiBiago, Margarita Lupisan, Jennifer Forbes, Lena & Mary DeBuono, John Schlauraff, Margaret Clark, Diane Chin, Francis Keryc.

### ***Wedding Banns***

Our parish is pleased to announce the following  
wedding:

Craig Zecca and Samantha O'Connor  
(St. Gerard Majella)  
March 21, 2025  
Second Banns



We pray for all recently deceased,  
remembering Robert Trubia and  
Vincent Rubino, may they find eternal  
rest and joy.

Our Parish Mission Statement: Formed by God's word and nourished at the Eucharist, we strive to be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ by handing on the Catholic faith to our families and community and serving those in need.

Who is Jesus? Want to know him better? Hear what others say about him. Look for the JESUS shelf in our parish library.



### Knights of Columbus

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### Online Weekly Giving

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Luke 6:38 This is a promise from God that He doesn't need a large amount, but will honor our generosity and obedience. Then, He can do a miracle to multiply and pour out blessings that overflow to our lives and others.

### Columbiettes

We are an organization of women from all backgrounds united by our Catholic Faith, the love of family, our country, and our commitment to helping others. If you would like to join, please contact Penny at 631-473-2900.

### OCIA Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you an adult thinking of becoming part of the Catholic community and completing your sacraments? Contact Deacon Frank at [deaconfrank@stgmajella.org](mailto:deaconfrank@stgmajella.org) or 631-473-2900.



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[YouTube Channel-St. Gerard Majella Parish](https://YouTube Channel-St. Gerard Majella Parish)

## SAINT GERARD MAJELLA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

We invite you to register your family at our Parish.

**Are you new to our parish? Have you been participating in our parish but never registered? Do you need to update your contact information or add a family member?**

Both registration or family update forms are available in our church office 631-473-2900 or on our website: [www.stgmajella.org](http://www.stgmajella.org)

Under "Home" menu item

## *Breaking Open the Word*

**Reflecting on next Sunday's Gospel before you come to Mass can bring so much more meaning to your experience of the Liturgy. Here's the Gospel for next Sunday. How does this Gospel touch your life?**

**March 16, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Lk 9:1-28b-36**

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

### **Reflection Questions**

- Define the word "transfigure". What specifics stand out to you about the transfiguration event?
- What did Moses and Elijah speak to Jesus about and how might this have been a timely encouragement to Jesus?
- Moses, Elijah, and Jesus each provided deliverance of God's people from bondage. How did the deliverance provided by Moses and Elijah differ than the deliverance Jesus is going to provide?
- What did Peter want to do in response to seeing Jesus's glory and the two men with Jesus? How does this response indicate that Peter did not grasp what lay ahead for Jesus?
- What glimpses of the kingdom of God do you see in this passage and how does what is to come give you encouragement to persevere through whatever you are facing today?
- During Lent, we slow down and seek out time for quiet prayer. In silence we can be more attentive to Jesus who wants us to follow his word and example. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us to listen and follow Jesus more faithfully.

## This year, you'll be ready for Lent.

Dive deep into the mystery of Christ this Lent with two brand new series on Formed and a mini journal to help guide you!

Login to watch [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) to watch the two new series!  
**How to Lent** will be available on February 12  
**Foretold** will be available on Ash Wednesday, March 5

### Already have a FORMED Account?

1. Visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)
2. Click Sign In
3. Enter your email
4. Click the link in your email
5. You're in! No more passwords!

### Registering on FORMED is easier than ever!

1. Go to [FORMED.org/signup](http://FORMED.org/signup)
2. Enter your parish zip code or name to select your parish
3. Enter your name and email



## COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Reflections on the Meaning of Season in Christian Life



**Join Bishop Andrzej**  
**All Fridays of Lent**  
 March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11 at 3 pm  
 for Webinar Lenten Reflections

Registration Required  
 Call Suzanne at 516.744.6850  
 or email - [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org)  
 to receive Zoom Webinar Link



### ALTAR EASTER FLOWERS

Would you like to make a donation towards our Altar Easter flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special intention?

Please fill out the form below and drop it off in the office with Jackie or in the collection basket along with your offering. The names will be printed in the *Easter Bulletin* so please print clearly.

#### Altar Flowers Form

Donation made in memory of:

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or

For the intention of:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

# Return to Me: 40 Days of Eucharistic Adoration

As we prepare to enter the sacred season of Lent let us take the opportunity to encounter the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration during the Lenten season at forty different parishes.

01.

## Get your Adoration Passport

Download and print your Eucharistic Adoration calendar passport, complete with a list of parishes hosting adoration during Lent!

**Return to Me: 40 Days of Eucharistic Adoration**

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration at the parish listed in the circle, and joyfully add a sticker for each day you spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! Stickers will be available at the parishes.

MARCH 7 Our Lady of Desiderata Culverge 7:30-8:30 p.m.	MARCH 8 St. Serenade Bayville 1:00-4:00 p.m.	MARCH 9 Mary Immaculate Belmont 1:00-3:00 p.m.	MARCH 10 St. Raymond East Rockaway 7:30-8:30 p.m.	MARCH 11 St. Luke Brookwood 9:00-10:30 a.m.	MARCH 12 Our Lady of Lourdes Hudson 9:00-10:00 a.m.	MARCH 13 Our Lady of the Assumption Davenport 7:00-8:00 p.m.	MARCH 14 St. Catherine of Siena Farmingdale 9:30-10:30 a.m.
MARCH 15 St. Vincent Coral Gables 8:30-9:30 p.m.	MARCH 16 King Cross Hicksville 1:00-2:00 p.m.	MARCH 17 St. Patrick Hempstead 9:00-10:00 a.m.	MARCH 18 St. Joseph Hempstead 1:00-2:00 p.m.	MARCH 19 St. John Hempstead 8:30-9:30 a.m.	MARCH 20 Our Lady of Mary Immaculate Hempstead 9:30-10:30 a.m.	MARCH 21 St. Raphael Great Neck 9:30-10:30 a.m.	MARCH 22 Sacred Heart Great Neck 9:30-10:30 a.m.
MARCH 23 St. Anthony of Padua East Farmingdale 7:30-8:30 p.m.	MARCH 24 St. Mary East Islip 1:00-4:00 p.m.	MARCH 25 Resurrection Farmingdale 7:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m.	MARCH 26 St. Barbara Elmont 8:30 a.m. 10:00 p.m.	MARCH 27 St. Agnes Levittown 8:30-9:30 a.m.	MARCH 28 Our Lady of Lourdes Hempstead Park 9:30 a.m. 10:00 p.m.	MARCH 29 Good Shepherd Ridgewood 7:00-8:30 a.m.	MARCH 30 Sacred Heart Far Rockaway 1:00-3:00 p.m.
MARCH 31 St. Joseph Kings Park 4:00-1:00 p.m.	APRIL 1 St. Basil Levittown 12:30-1:30 p.m.	APRIL 2 St. Jude Hempstead 1:00-5:00 p.m.	APRIL 3 St. Gerard Far Rockaway 7:30-8:30 p.m.	APRIL 4 St. John Levittown Park 1:00-3:30 p.m.	APRIL 5 Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Rockaway 6:30-1:00 p.m.	APRIL 6 St. John the Evangelist Newstead 1:00-3:00 p.m.	APRIL 7 St. Ignace Far Rockaway 1:00-3:00 p.m.
APRIL 8 Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Hempstead 8:30-1:00 p.m.	APRIL 9 Mary Home of Mercy Valley Stream 1:00-4:00 p.m.	APRIL 10 St. Louis de Montfort Sound Beach 7:30-8:30 p.m.	APRIL 11 St. Thomas the Apostle West Hempstead 7:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	APRIL 12 Our Lady of Grace West Babylon 8:30-1:00 p.m.	APRIL 13 St. Rose of Lima Hempstead 8:30-10:00 a.m. Rugby 10:00	APRIL 14 Our Lady of Lourdes West Islip 11:30-1:00 a.m. Rugby 10:00	APRIL 15 St. Ignace Farmingdale 10:45-1:30 p.m. Rugby 10:00

02. Visit

Visit a Nassau or Suffolk parish for Eucharistic Adoration.

03. Collect

Collect your passport sticker at each parish. It's a beautiful way to encounter the Lord this Lent – see if you can collect them all!



# This Lent

# **GIVE UP STUFF!**

Sales from merchandise donated to the thrift shop and barn directly affect the Parish's ability to provide outreach services to the clients we serve. Thank you for your continued support of the charitable endeavors of St. Gerard Majella Church and the role our thrift shop and barn play in making these services possible.



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Visit Our Website At: [Stgmajella.org/parish-life/thrift-shop](https://www.stgmajella.org/parish-life/thrift-shop)

**The Thrift Shop & Barn**  
**@ St. Gerard Majella Church**  
**316 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station**

**Store Hours:**  
**Monday through Thursday 10 am — 4 pm; Friday 10 am — 2 pm**

# Speakers Bureau



## Taking Care of You!

Times of change can cause a great deal of stress and anxiety for some people. Learn from Theresa McKenna, PhD, Director of Psychology Services, strategies for coping during trying times.



**Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**St. Gerard Majella**  
300 Terryville Rd  
Port Jefferson Station, NY 11778

**No registration required.**



[chsli.org](http://chsli.org)



# Easter Outreach Ministry Drive

**HELP FAMILIES HAVE A JOYFUL EASTER!**

**We will be collecting donations of:**

**canned or frozen hams, canned potatoes,  
canned green beans, apple sauce, juice,  
canned yams, cans of coffee, tea bags,  
frosting, candy, cream of mushroom soup,  
french crispy onions, biscuit mixes, baking mixes,  
plastic eggs, baking pans, plastic tablecloths,  
napkins, and grocery store gift cards.**

**God bless you for your generosity! We would not be able to  
help so many families if it wasn't for YOU!**

**ALL DONATIONS ARE  
DUE BY SUNDAY,  
APRIL 6TH**



**St. Gerard Majella**  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Attention Church Volunteers: Make sure to update your Background Screening. You should receive an email when 5 years have passed. All new church volunteers must sign up on [Virtusonline.org](http://Virtusonline.org) and attend a Child Protection Class.**

***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:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
3. 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:

1. 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)
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. 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)

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