



April 2026 Newsletter

The Rosary Guild of St. Gertrude



Blessed Easter to all of our Rosarians and their families.

Thursday, April 9th- Rosary Guild Meeting- 7 p.m. in the Sperandei Hall Meeting Room at the Bayville Library. Please note the change of location for the April meeting. We will be viewing the film *Heaven is for Real*, based on the true story of a 4-year-old boy who came out of emergency surgery and told his parents he had been to heaven. The young boy recounts the details of his amazing journey with childlike innocence and speaks about meeting Jesus..... and about things that happened before his birth - things he couldn't possibly know. His family is challenged to examine the meaning of his remarkable experience. *Please join us at the Library for this event.*

All are welcome. There is no cost for this event. No RSVP necessary.

Rides are available. Please call Fiona, 516-491-2088.

*****The new Rosary Guild Board slate will be presented at the April meeting.*****

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Mark your Calendar

Sunday, April 19th, 9:30 Mass- The Rosary Guild will be hosting Hospitality after the 9:30 Mass only on Sunday, April 19th at the request of Dr. Jim Sheehan. This is the Mass for the First Grade class. **We need a couple of people to help out.** Please call Pat Farnell, 516-521-6962 if you are available.

Thursday, May 7th, 7 pm in the Parish Center- Rosary Guild meeting -

Mother's Day BINGO - We will be voting in the new Board at this meeting.

*****Please bring a donation for the bassinet for unwed mothers to the May meeting.*****

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH- ANNUAL ROSARY GUILD PLANT SALE- 9 am - 2 pm

Please mark your calendars and plan to shop for your Mother's Day flowers.

You will not be disappointed!

We are happy to announce that Leeann Palazzo will now be chairing the flower sale.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the April meeting for volunteers to work the sale.

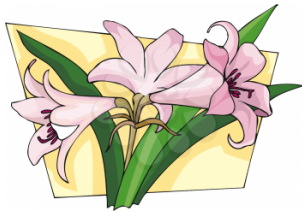
Feast on the Beach, Thursday, June 4th – Sunday June 7th. We will once again host the Zeppole booth, 50-50 Raffle and the St. Anthony booth for the four nights. *Please plan to volunteer.* You will have a good time!

The Luck of the Irish Calendar Raffle was a great success. Three lucky parishioners bet on the winning dates: September 5, August 10, November 16.

Thank you to all for your support!

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More information about the meeting and presentation is attached to this newsletter.



Thinking of you: Vicki Siegel, Nancy Burgee, Eileen Ansbro, Angie Carbone, Valerie Mangelli



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Dr. Posillico delivered a wonderful, well-researched presentation on our very own St. Gertrude the Great. St. Gertrude was an exceptional woman in every way. She was a gifted intellect, earning an education unlike any woman of her time.

St. Gertrude was a renowned 13th-century Benedictine nun, writer, and the only woman saint called "the Great". Among the many things we learned, St. Gertrude wrote extensively about the Sacred Heart of Jesus and described a mystical encounter she experienced with Christ. Her writings helped spread the devotion of the Sacred Heart throughout the Western world.

It was fascinating and enlightening to hear about St. Gertrude's exceptional life and journey. We are grateful to Dr. Posillico for her thorough and interesting historical presentation and for taking the time to share her research with us.

A little about Dr. Posillico: Ailie grew up in Bayville and studied Theology at Fordham before getting her Master's at Harvard Divinity School. She recently completed her PhD at Villanova University. Ailie's areas of interest include medieval European Christian history and the genre of letters in medieval theology.