



Clergy Appointments



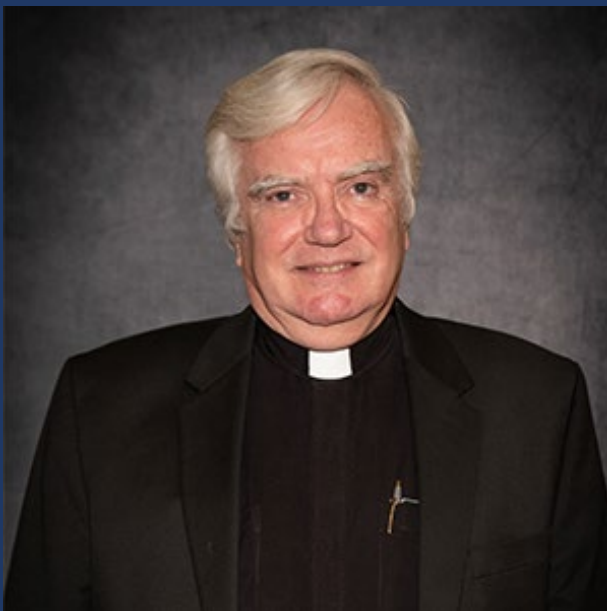
Father Michael Bartholomew

Pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Cutchogue
and Administrator of the Church of Our Lady of
Ostrabrama, Cutchogue



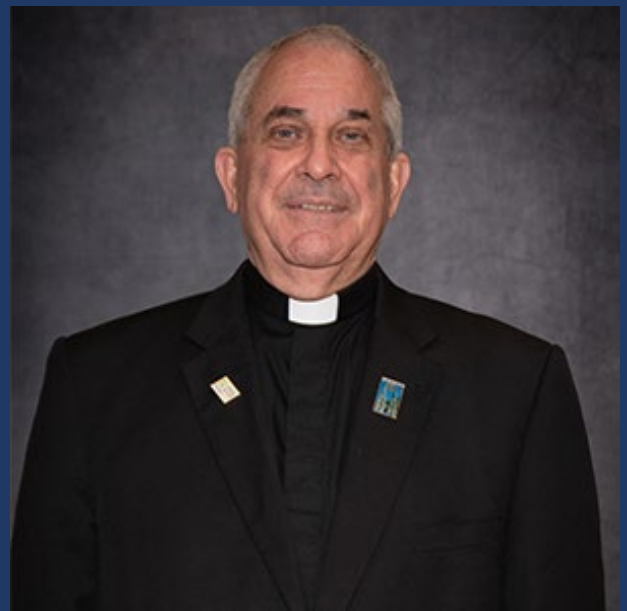
Father Kenneth Grooms

Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception,
Westhampton Beach



Father Robert Holz

Pastor of the Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs,
Centerport and Church of Saint Philip Neri, East Northport



Rev. Msgr. Brian McNamara

Pastor of the Church of St. Patrick, Smithtown
(effective Nov. 1, 2023)



Rev. Gonzalo Oajaca-Lopez

Pastor of the Church of St. Sylvester, Medford
Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, Farmingville



Rev. Msgr. Francis Schneider

Pastor of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Wading
River (effective Jan.11, 2023)



Father Leo Song

Pastor of the Church of St. Raphael, East Meadow



Father Dennis Suglia

Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip

The following official appointments are effective June 28, 2023, unless otherwise noted.

Church of Saint Patrick, Bay Shore

Reverend Cletus Nwaogwugwu from Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Patrick, Bay Shore.

Church of Saint Gertrude, Bayville

Reverend Joseph Gaspar from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of the Snow, Blue Point, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Gertrude, Bayville.

Church of Saint Martin of Tours, Bethpage

Reverend Bright Appiagye-Boakye, a priest of the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong, Ghana, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Martin of Tours, Bethpage.

Church of Saint John Nepomucene, Bohemia

Reverend Vincent Bulus from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Raymond of Penyafort, East Rockaway, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint John Nepomucene, Bohemia.

Church of Saint Anne, Brentwood

Reverend Louischard Lindor, a priest of the Diocese of Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica, from Chaplain at Good Samaritan Hospital, West Islip, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Anne, Brentwood, effective February 1, 2023.

Church of Saint Luke, Brentwood

Reverend Ditto Subin Wilson, M.Id., a priest of the Institute of Christ the Redeemer, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Luke, Brentwood.

Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport

Reverend Robert Holz from Pastor of the Church of Saint Raphael, East Meadow, to Pastor of the Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, and the Church of Saint Philip Neri, Northport.

Our Lady of Ostrabrama, Cutchogue

Reverend Michael Bartholomew from Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach, to Pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Cutchogue, and Administrator of the Church of Our Lady of Ostrabrama, Cutchogue.

Church of the Sacred Heart, Cutchogue

Reverend Michael Bartholomew from Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach, to Pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Cutchogue, and Administrator of the Church of Our Lady of Ostrabrama, Cutchogue.

Reverend Maurizio Duru from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Catherine of Siena, Franklin Square, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Cutchogue, and Chaplain of the East End Hispanic Apostolate.

Church of Saint Matthew, Dix Hills

Reverend Anthony Sebamalai from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Maria Regina, Seaford, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Matthew, Dix Hills.

Church of the Most Holy Trinity, East Hampton

Reverend Ryan Creamer appointed to a second term as pastor.

Church of Saint Mary, East Islip

Reverend Thomas Pers from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary, East Islip, and the Church of Saint Peter the Apostle, Islip Terrace.

Church of Saint Raphael, East Meadow

Reverend Leo Song from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Ignatius Martyr, Long Beach, the Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Long Beach, and the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Point Lookout, to Pastor of the Church of Saint Raphael, East Meadow.

Church of Saint Joseph the Worker, East Patchogue

Reverend John Jairo Granados Morales from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Anne, Brentwood, to Administrator of the Church of Saint Joseph the Worker, East Patchogue, effective February 1, 2023.

Church of the Resurrection, Farmingville

Reverend Thomas Tassone from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Joseph, Kings Park, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Resurrection, Farmingville, and Church of Saint Sylvester, Medford.

Church of Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park

Reverend Daniel Opoku-Mensah from Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Curé of Ars, Merrick, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park.

Church of Saint Catherine of Sienna, Franklin Square

Reverend John Adjei-Boamah, a priest of the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong, Ghana, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Catherine of Sienna, Franklin Square.

Church of Saint Anne, Garden City

Reverend Anthony Chidi Osuagwu from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Ignatius Martyr, Long Beach, the Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Long Beach, and the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Point Lookout, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Anne, Garden City.

Church of Saint Patrick, Glen Cove

Very Reverend Dom Gabriel Rach, Can. Reg. appointed to a second term as pastor.

Church of Saint Rocco, Glen Cove

Very Reverend Dom Daniel Nash, Can. Reg. appointed to a second term as pastor.

Church of Saint Aloysius, Great Neck

Reverend John Yu Seung Seo, a priest of the Diocese of Busan, Republic of Korea, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Aloysius, Great Neck.

Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead

Reverend Jinwoo Michael Nam, M.Id., a priest of the Institute of Christ the Redeemer, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead.

Church of the Holy Family, Hicksville

Reverend Patrick Baffour-Akoto, a priest of the Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Holy Family, Hicksville.

Church of St. Patrick, Huntington

Reverend Monsignor Steven Camp appointed to a second term as pastor.

Reverend Cody Bobick from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Anne, Garden City, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Patrick, Huntington.

Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Inwood

Reverend Roger Velasquez from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Patrick, Bay Shore, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream, the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Inwood, and the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre, with residence at the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream.

Church of Saint Peter the Apostle, Islip Terrace

Reverend Thomas Pers from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary, East Islip, and the Church of Saint Peter the Apostle, Islip Terrace.

Church of Saint Joseph, Kings Park

Reverend Vitus Mbamalu from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Joseph, Ronkonkoma, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Joseph, Kings Park.

Church of Saint Ignatius Martyr, Long Beach

Reverend Steven McClernon to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Long Beach, the Church of Saint Ignatius Martyr, Long Beach and the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Point Lookout.

Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Long Beach

Reverend Steven McClernon to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Long Beach, the Church of Saint Ignatius Martyr, Long Beach and the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Point Lookout.

Church of Saint Mary, Manhasset

Reverend Rafal Borowiejski from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary, Manhasset, effective at a date to be determined.

Reverend Edward Obi, MSP, a priest of the Missionary Society of Saint Paul, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary, Manhasset.

Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Manorhaven

Reverend Kingsley Nwanwa from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary, Manhasset, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington, the Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Manorhaven, and the Church of Saint Mary, Roslyn, with residence at the Church of Saint Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington.

Church of Saint Jude, Mastic Beach

Reverend John Ryan appointed to a second term as pastor.

Church of Saint Sylvester, Medford

Reverend Gonzalo Oajaca-Lopez to Pastor of the Church of Saint Sylvester, Medford, while remaining Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, Farmingville.

Reverend Thomas Tassone from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Joseph, Kings Park, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Resurrection, Farmingville, and Church of Saint Sylvester, Medford.

Church of the Sacred Heart, North Merrick

Reverend Stephen Brigandi appointed to a second term as pastor.

Church of Saint Philip Neri, Northport

Reverend Robert Holz from Pastor of the Church of Saint Raphael, East Meadow, to Pastor of the Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, and the Church of Saint Philip Neri, Northport.

Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Point Lookout

Reverend Steven McClernon to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Long Beach, the Church of Saint Ignatius Martyr, Long Beach and the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Point Lookout.

Church of Saint Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington

Reverend Kingsley Nwanwa from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary, Manhasset, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington, the Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Manorhaven, and the Church of Saint Mary, Roslyn, with residence at the Church of Saint Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington.

Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre

Reverend Roger Velasquez from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Patrick, Bay Shore, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream, the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Inwood, and the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre, with residence at the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream.

Church of Saint Joseph, Ronkonkoma

Reverend James Calledo from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint John the Baptist, Wading River, and the Church of Saint Mark, Shoreham, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Joseph, Ronkonkoma.

Church of Saint Mary, Roslyn

Reverend Kingsley Nwanwa from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary, Manhasset, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington, the Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Manorhaven, and the Church of Saint Mary, Roslyn, with residence at the Church of Saint Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington.

Church of Saint Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville

Reverend Benignus Nwankwo, a priest of the Diocese of Ekwulobia, Nigeria, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville.

Church of Maria Regina, Seaford

Reverend Alexander Turpin from post-ordination studies to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Maria Regina, Seaford.

Church of Saint William the Abbot, Seaford

Reverend Michael Edathil, a priest of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy of Saint Mary, Queen of Peace, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint William the Abbot, Seaford.

Church of Saint Mark, Shoreham

Reverend James Mannion from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mark, Shoreham, to Administrator of the Church of Saint Mark, Shoreham, effective January 11, 2023.

Church of Saint Patrick, Smithtown

Reverend Monsignor Brian McNamara from Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip, to Pastor of the Church of Saint Patrick, Smithtown, effective November 1, 2023.

Reverend Louis Cona from post-ordination studies to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Patrick, Smithtown.

Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream

Reverend Michael Lombardi from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Patrick, Smithtown, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream.

Reverend Roger Velasquez from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Patrick, Bay Shore, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream, the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Inwood, and the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre, with residence at the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream.

Church of Saint John the Baptist, Wading River

Reverend Monsignor Francis Schneider from Pastor of the Church of Saint John the Baptist, Wading River, and the Church of Saint Mark, Shoreham, to Pastor of the Church of Saint John the Baptist, Wading River, effective January 11, 2023.

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach

Reverend Kenneth Grooms from Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Aidan, Williston Park, to Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach.

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip

Reverend Dennis Suglia from Pastor of the Church of Saint Sylvester, Medford, to Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip.

Church of Saint Aidan, Williston Park

Reverend Jacob Ernest Quansah-Kyei, a priest of the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong, Ghana, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Aidan, Williston Park.

NON-PAROCHIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

East End Hispanic Apostolate

Reverend Michael Bartholomew to Coordinator of East End Hispanic Apostolate, while remaining Pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Cutchogue, and Administrator of the Church of Our Lady of Ostrabrama, Cutchogue.

Reverend Jose Luis Tenas from Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream, and the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Inwood, to Chaplain of the East End Hispanic Apostolate with residence at the Church of the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Bridgehampton.

Reverend Jorge Alejandro Bastidas Vasquez from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint John of God, Central Islip to Chaplain of the East End Hispanic Apostolate with residence at the Church of the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Bridgehampton.

Vocations, Hofstra Univ., Young Adult Ministry

Reverend John Crozier from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary, East Islip, and the Church of Saint Peter the Apostle, Islip Terrace, to Associate Vocation Director, Chaplain of Hofstra University, and Director of Young Adult Ministry, with residence at the Church of Saint William the Abbot, Seaford.

Office of Worship

Reverend Alessandro da Luz to Associate Director of the Office of Worship, while remaining Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre, and pursuing doctoral studies at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois.

St. Pius X Residence/Senior Priests

Reverend Stephen Pietrowski from Pastor of the Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, and the Church of Saint Philip Neri, Northport, to Director of the Saint Pius X Residence for Retired Priests, Ronkonkoma, and Bishop's Delegate for Senior Priests.

RETIREMENTS:

Reverend Lawrence Chadwick from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint John Nepomucene, Bohemia, to retirement at the Church of Our Lady of the Snow, Blue Point.

Reverend Monsignor Thomas C. Costa from Vicar for Senior Priests and Rector of the Saint Pius X Residence, Ronkonkoma, to retirement in a private residence, effective January 31, 2023.

Reverend Monsignor William Gomes from retirement in a private residence to retirement at Saint Pius X Residence, Ronkonkoma.

Reverend Gabriel Miah from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Gertrude, Bayville, to retirement in a private residence in Ghana.

Reverend Francis Nelson from medical leave to retirement in a private residence, effective February 1, 2023.

Reverend Aloysius Pakianather from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Frances de Chantal, Wantagh, to retirement at Saint Pius X Residence, Ronkonkoma.

Reverend Francis Sang from retirement with residence at the Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park, to retirement in Vietnam.

Reverend Monsignor Joseph Staudt from Pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Cutchogue, and Administrator of Our Lady of Ostrabrama, Cutchogue, to retirement in a private residence.

Reverend Benet Uwasomba from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Matthew, Dix Hills, to retirement at Saint Pius X Residence, Ronkonkoma.

Reverend German Villabon, OSA from retirement with residence at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre, to retirement in a private residence.

Reverend Monsignor Ellsworth R. Walden from Pastor of the Church of Saint Patrick, Smithtown, to retirement with residence at the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Center Moriches, effective November 1, 2023.

INCARDINATIONS:

Reverend Collins Adutwum from a priest of the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong, Ghana, to a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, effective March 9, 2023.

Reverend Anthony Saliba from a priest of the Diocese of Gozo, Malta, to a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, effective March 9, 2023.

EXCARDINATION:

Reverend Nestor Watin from a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre to a priest of the Diocese of Romblon, Philippines.

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