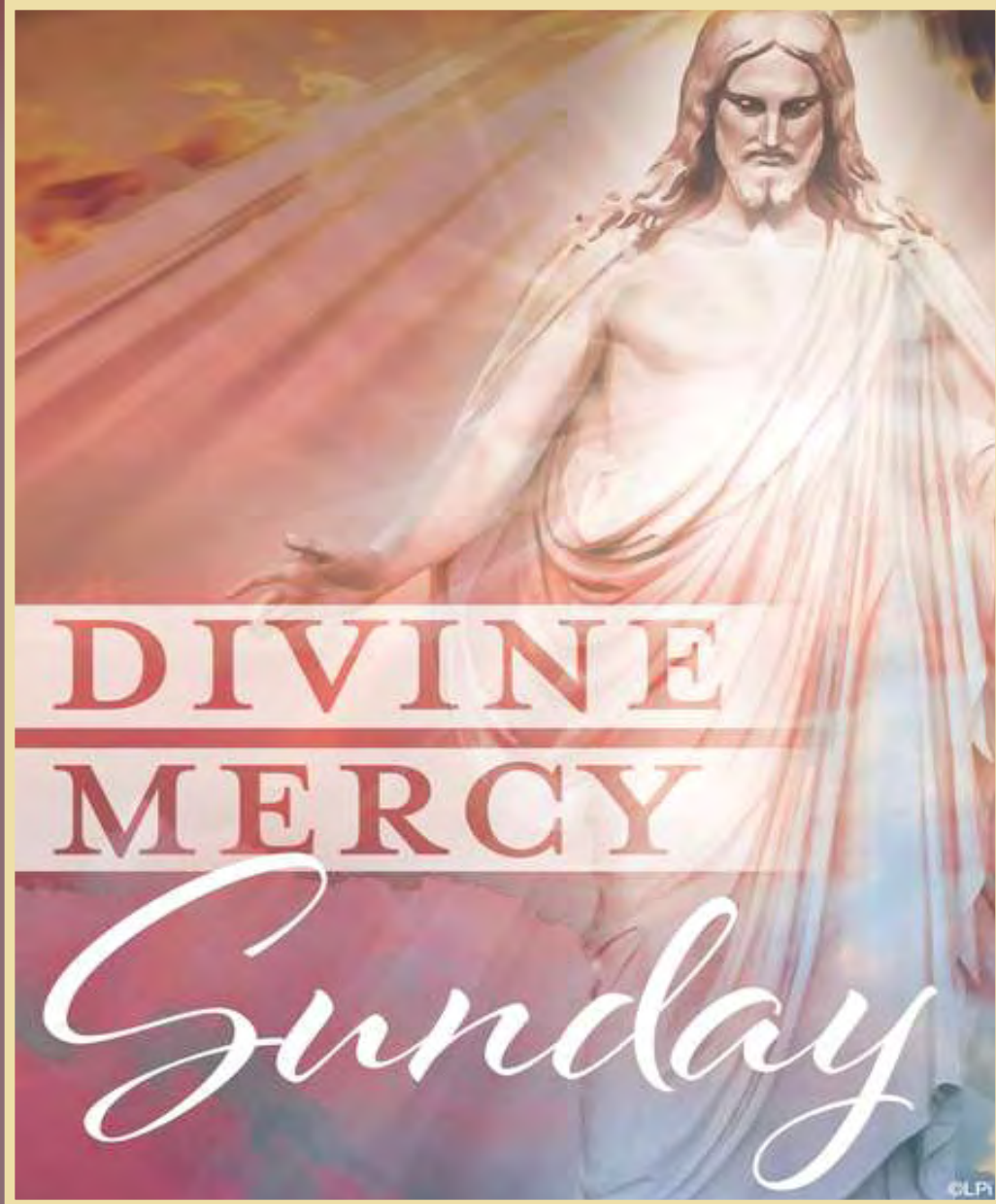


April 19, 2020



The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law

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Rev. Robert Hewes

Associate Pastors
Rev. Joseph Habila
Rev. Benet Uwasomba

Deacons
Carmine DeStefano
Luis Polanco

Pastoral Associate
Sister Kathleen McCarthy, O. P.
D.R.E.: Mary Donaldson
Music Director: Lee Forsythe

PARISH REGISTRATION
NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.smrcc.org

New families and new parishioners are encouraged to register with the parish. Registration forms are also available at the Parish Center.

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAITH:

Those adults who live in the Dix Hills area and/or those with family in the parish seeking information about becoming a Catholic or completing their Sacraments are invited to contact the Pastor.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Those who are seriously ill should request a priest for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

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Collection Totals

April 4 & 5

Weekly: \$ 9,656.00
 Faith Direct: \$ 2,300.00

April 11 & 12

Weekly: \$ 4,109.00
 Faith Direct: \$ 2,300.00
 Easter Mail-In: \$30,262.00
 Faith Direct: \$ 2,685.00

About The Types of Catholic Wedding Ceremonies

There are two forms of our Catholic wedding Liturgy:

The Wedding or Nuptial Mass:

Often referred to as a “full Mass,” it is the celebration of the Mass with the wedding ceremony inserted in the middle of the Liturgy. It presupposes both parties are practicing Catholics and receiving Holy Communion after a proper spiritual preparation.

The Wedding Ceremony:

This has all the elements of the above (music, readings, vows, etc.) but without the celebration of Mass. This form is suitable for general congregations and is of shorter duration than the above.

PLEASE NOTE: Nuptial Masses are NOT celebrated on Sundays. The ONLY exception is when a visiting priest is invited by the family, approved by the Pastor and is willing to offer a Nuptial Mass on Sunday.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Apr 18

4:00 PM Maria & Vito Fodera
 Antonio Caputo
 Living Intentions of Jack Tseng
 Deceased Members of
 the Rosato Family
 Peter Scagnelli
 Salvatore Di Guardia
 7:00 PM Melida Munoz &
 Luis Carlos Munoz

Sunday, Apr 19

7:30 AM
 9:30 AM Meaghan Burton
 11:00 AM Rose Barbero Volpe ~
 Happy Birthday
 12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish
 12:30 PM Mariantonia Gangi

Monday, Apr 20

9:00 AM Meaghan Burton

Tuesday, Apr 21

9:00 AM Emmanuel & Gillette Gonzales

Wednesday, Apr 22

9:00 AM Bea & Fred Alessi ~
 Happy Anniversary In Heaven

Thursday, Apr 23

9:00 AM Alec Nelson

Friday, Apr 24

9:00 AM Jean Marie Roncallo

Saturday, Apr 25

9:00 AM Mara Gjelij
 Joni Grimaldi
 4:00 PM Jennifer Maguire ~ Happy Birthday
 Hannelore Mueller ~
 Happy Birthday In Heaven
 Living Intentions of Jack Tseng
 MaryLou Sciortino~ First
 Anniversary In Heaven
 Concetta De Bellis
 Nancy Chieffo
 7:00 PM Ana Olinda Najarro

Sunday, Apr 26

7:30 AM Mary & Joseph Lichtenberger
 9:30 AM Domenico Giocia
 11:00 AM Janet Reynolds
 12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish
 12:30 PM Giving Thanks To God ~
 The Lubin Family



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

**PLEASE NOTE THE
UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Sunday, April 26 is Monday, April 20
Sunday, May 3 is Monday, April 27
Sunday, May 10 is Monday, May 4
Sunday, May 17 is Monday, May 11
Sunday, May 24 is Monday, May 18
Sunday, May 31 is Thursday, May 21

Please email: bulletin@smrcc.org



**PLEASE NOTE:
The Spring
Let's Play Program
has been
postponed at this time.**



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Chloe Atienza
Marie Clarke
Lisa Ciota
Gerard Costa
Joseph Costa

Vilma Diaztoral
David Falen
Lawrence Famighetti
Nunzio Grella
Lisa Marie Hulsen
Christian Martino
Sophia Marzulla

John McIntyre
Jay McNamee
Jill Pasqulone
Mary Perry
Marge Puccio
Eugene Quarello
Gary Rickerson
Casey Rodriguez

Christopher Sabato, Sr.
Cecelia Sanzone
Charles Sanzone
Grace Sanzone
Debbie Serio
Ed & Ann Smith
Albi Snolis
Brian Tripp



APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

The **Apostleship of Prayer** is a worldwide association of Catholics and other Christians who strive to make their ordinary, everyday lives apostolically effective. Through the Apostleship of Prayer, the **Pope** gives his monthly prayer intentions to the entire Church. For this reason, the Apostleship came to be known as **"the Pope's own prayer group."**

DAILY OFFERING PRAYER - *God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with Your Son Jesus' Heart, Who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to Your love.*

APRIL - Freedom from Addiction

That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.



We Pray, especially for our Service Men and Women:

Christopher Pavlat - Army, Rev. James Krische - Active - Colonel - Army,
Pvt. Brandon Leap - Active - Army, 1st Lt. Dominador Pascual III - Active - Air Force,
Pilot Matthew Waldman - Active - Air Force, 2nd Lt. Joseph Morgan - Active - Army,
2nd Lt. Christopher Felice - Marines, Christopher Motlenski - Navy, Nicholas Mazzone - U.S. Coast
Guard, Peter Mazzone - Marines, SSG Michael Hughes, SPC John Vautrin-Gardinier - US Army,
Lance Cpl. Ryan Matthew Ferrara - Marines, Matthew Kirchner - Army, Noah Kirchner - Air Force,
Ensign Melanie Thompson - Navy, Capt. Joseph De Monte IV - Pilot - United States Air Force,
Lt. Brendan Johnston - U.S. Navy, Jeffrey Gabriellini - Air Force, Cpl. Michael Grella - Navy Airman,
Julien - Army - Iraq., Lt. Col. Robert Wright - Marines, Michael Wissemann, LPL San Sievero - Marines,
Ambrose Michelino, Jarod Racuot - Army, Robert Scarpelli, Anthony Lazado - Marines, Richard Freese, Jr. - Navy,
Rho Nagasguna - Marines, Michael Doherty - Army, Pablo Quirindongo - CW4 - Army,
Cpl. Ronnie Belmarez - Marines, Commander Christopher Grande - Navy, Spec. 4 - Frank Grue - Retired - Army

↔ If you would like your family member added to the list or if one has returned home, ↔
please contact the Parish Office or email bulletin@smrcc.org.

Dear Friends,

I originally wrote these words for last Divine Mercy Sunday. How ironic they seem in the light of the fact that for the first time, I believe in our history, almost the entire Western world had closed churches and empty pews this past Easter. In some places, the churches were even locked!



History will judge the appropriateness of these drastic measures in the face of a serious health crisis, and the responsibility of Church leaders to both honor legitimate concerns for the common welfare, and yet to make the awesome decision to suspend the public sacramental life of the Church in this holiest of seasons.

I nonetheless offer these words again. It is my hope that the message remains as relevant as ever.

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and giving life to **those in the tomb!***

These ancient words proclaim to me and you the meaning of this week's greatest of all feasts.

*This is the great truth which fills our faith with meaning. Jesus, who died on the cross, has risen. He has triumphed over death; he has overcome sorrow, anguish and the power of darkness ... **In Him, we find everything . Outside of Him, our life is empty.***

(St. Josemaria Escriva, Christ is Passing By)

These words from a twentieth century saint are true for all, whether or not they know it. For this pastor, it is a deep joy, tinged with a sense of prayerful solicitude to see so many new and unfamiliar faces at the Masses of Easter Day. A joy in that the story of Easter still has the power to draw so many souls to worship Him amidst His people. A sense of concern, in that they are also already baptized; and yet so many seem to live so much of their lives rarely encountering Him where He is most clearly found: in His Word and Sacraments. Yet, for me, the joy overwhelms the worry; and I remember the words of another priest written years ago: *Remember! Every face you see is the face of a soul in whom Christ either dwells, or wishes to dwell!*

Christ and His Resurrection lie at the center of all human history. He is the universal Savior, not just of Catholics and other Christians, but of the entire world and its peoples. Let us rejoice in this Feast and be peaceful in the knowledge of His love and grace.

Many thanks!...from a distance ;-)

As we celebrate this great Feast of Easter, we wish you every blessing and joy. Your generosity to St. Matthew's Parish in the Easter Collection is a deeply appreciated gift that enables our Church to continue to celebrate and serve today, and all through the year.

Father Hewes

To follow our YouTube Channel, a link can be found on our website:

www.smrcc.org



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Rev. Msgr. Jim Vlaun

on Sunday from 7 AM-8 AM

on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117.

The theme for next Sunday, April 26, 2020 is Community. Don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock go to "Religion & Rock" on ITUNES or

www.ReligionandRock.com.

Don't forget to tune into Catholic Faith Network, Cablevision 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit

www.cfntv.org.

Thank you for your continued support to our parish. In these days, St. Matthew's parish will still need your generosity. You may wish to mail your contribution envelopes to the Parish, or drop them off at the Parish Office or use the Faith Direct online giving (see the Enrollment Form below). Our Parish Code is NY 368.

ENROLLMENT FORM



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Church Name

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35 North Service Road
Dix Hills, NY 11746

FOR ONLINE ENROLLMENT
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Faith Direct · Attention: Enrollment · P.O. Box 7101 · Merrifield, VA 22116-7101 · 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) · www.faithdirect.net

Weekly Offertory contribution: \$ _____ *(Note: Total contribution amount will be debited on the 4th of the month or the next business day. The total amount will be determined by the number of Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)*

You may also choose to give to the optional collections listed below as part of the total monthly transaction in the month listed for each.

COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> New Year's Day (Solemnity)	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Peter's Pence	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Seminary	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Feast of the Assumption	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Church in Need	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional School Support	\$ _____	September
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired Priests	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers *	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> Respect Life	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$ _____	April	<input type="checkbox"/> World Missions	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday	\$ _____	April	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints' Day	\$ _____	November
<i>(In addition to weekly gift)</i>			<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls' Day *	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Day Mass Remembrance *	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Development/Home Missions	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Elementary Schools	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Offering	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Support <i>The Long Island Catholic</i>	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Feast of the Ascension	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious Retirement	\$ _____	June	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers *	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Father's Day Mass Remembrance *	\$ _____	June	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional School Support	\$ _____	June			

*Please call the parish office at 631-499-8520 to give the names of your dedications/intentions for these collections.

I would like to enroll in the Faith Direct program. I understand that my total monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account or credit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or credit card statement, and my transfers will begin next month. I understand that I can increase, decrease or suspend my giving by contacting Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757. *[All gifts provided to your Church originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with U.S. law.]*

Signature: X _____ Date: _____

Name(s): *(please print)* _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Church Envelope #:

Name as I/we would like it to appear on Offertory Cards: _____

I do not wish to receive Offertory Cards to place in the collection basket as a sign of my electronic giving.

If you choose to enroll by mail, you can contact Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 (toll-free) to set up online access to your account.

For Checking Account Debit: Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

For Credit Card Debit: Please complete the following... VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Print Name as Appears on Card: _____

Signature: _____

If you have any questions about the Faith Direct program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) or info@faithdirect.net.



2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

A Message from the Office of the Catholic Ministries Appeal

As we continue to struggle with the effects that COVID -19 is having on our community, let us continue to work together through prayer and precaution to help ensure that our community and church will be vibrant for future generations.

Not unlike weekly giving to your parish offertory, gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal are essential to our mission.

As such we are processing mail as quickly as possible with limited staff, but we are also encouraging you to give online at <https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/> if you are able.

Thank you for your patience and support. We join you in prayer for an end to this terrible virus.

“O Christ Jesus
When all is darkness
And we feel our weakness and helplessness,
Give us the sense of Your Presence,
Your Love and Your Strength.
Help us to have perfect trust
In Your protecting love
And strengthening power,
So that nothing may frighten or worry us,
For, living close to You,
We shall see Your Hand,
Your Purpose, Your Will through all things.”
- *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

God bless and stay safe.

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make a donation or for more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org, phone 516-678-5800 ext. 296 or call Jack Maccio at St. Matthew - 631 499-8520 Ext. 117 or JBM1944@icloud.com.

Thank You!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You many times over to Jack, Tony, Fran, Marcelli, Margaret, Tina, Sharon, Mary Anne, Nancy, Xavier and Frank for all your help with the Sunday morning grade Mass breakfast. The ministry of fellowship is truly evident.

Please give it some thought. Offering your skills and enthusiasm positively impacts the lives of others, as well as your own. Volunteering assists in the overall improvement of the quality of life for everyone and fosters relationships and interaction with others. Research has shown that people who volunteer actually live longer. There is nothing to lose and a lot to gain.

Thank you again, Dolores Tiernan

Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

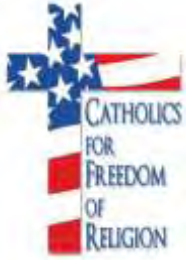


Dear Parishioners, YES Group and Rosarians,

You have prayed me into wellness for which I am most grateful. My thanks to all of you and please remember, you are in my daily prayers.

Peace and prayers, Sr. Anthony Therese





Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Religious Freedom & Coronavirus Restrictions

*"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom."
William Pitt the Younger, 1783*

The COVID-19 public health crisis has imposed restrictions on in-person gatherings, causing most houses of worship in the U.S. and the World, to temporarily close their doors. While many legal experts claim that the government can force churches to close during a health crisis, there remain Constitutional questions about whether these restrictions are reasonable and equally applied to other types of organizations as well as businesses.

Both federal and state authorities have determined that certain institutions and businesses may continue to operate as usual if they are considered "essential" to the public. This criterion allows supermarkets, Walmart, Amazon, 7-11, Home Depot, as well as gas stations, auto repair shops, restaurants that deliver food, house builders and others, to continue their usual operations as "essential" to the public good.

Why then, are these enterprises where multiple people gather, following "social distancing" rules, more "essential" to people than churches that feed their spiritual needs? In times of public crisis, isn't spiritual nourishment also "essential"? For example, "If doctors and nurses, taking precautions, can go in and out of hospitals, why not the spiritual doctors?" asked Mark Mallett, author and missionary. ⁽¹⁾

"According to the courts, a law that infringes upon a fundamental right, like Freedom of Religion, must overcome certain challenges: The law must not be arbitrary, oppressive, or unreasonable. The law must be equally applied to secular businesses (etc.) ... When arbitrary number limits are applied to a church and not to ... a grocery store, there is not equal application," wrote KrisAnne Hall, Constitutional Attorney, author. "By what authority does the government declare the church non-essential?" ⁽²⁾

In **Pope Francis'** homily, "Faith is Never a Private Matter", Dec. 6, 2013, he explained:

Prohibition against worshipping God is a sign of "general apostasy". It tries to convince Christians to take "a more reasonable and peaceful road", by obeying "the tenets of worldly powers" who try to reduce religion to "a private matter". ⁽³⁾

(deseretnews.com,3/21/20; markmallett.com, 4/6/20 (1); KrisAnneHall.com, COVID 19 Restrictions (2); Vatican.va, Francis Homily,Nov28,2013 (3)

Each weekly "Religious Freedom in a Minute" article can be downloaded by visiting the homepage of www.cffor.org.

April 19 - Second Sunday of Easter



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

**Due to our current situation,
the St. Vincent de Paul collection bins are temporarily closed.**



Urgent Need for Blood Donations!

In order to maintain and ensure social distancing during the Coronavirus pandemic, Long Island Blood Services has **canceled** all local Blood Drives for the immediate future, *including St. Catherine's Blood Drive scheduled for March 30*

As a result, Blood Centers are in Urgent Need of Blood!

St. Catherine of Siena encourages all healthy Community Residents **to make an appointment to donate blood** at one of the local New York Blood Center donor locations:

Bohemia Donor Center
3125 Veterans Memorial Hwy
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Melville Donor Center
905 Walt Whitman Rd. (Rte. 110)
Melville, NY 11747

Port Jefferson Station Donor Center
1010 Route 112
Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

****Other locations available on the NYBC Website**

If you were planning to donate at St. Catherine of Siena's Blood Drive, please donate on behalf of St. Catherine's using:

Group Number: 06284

Remember to bring photo ID and you donor ID Card

NYBC hours have been adjusted to reflect the increased need for donations. NYBC collection sites are disinfected frequently and comply with CDC infection prevention regulations.

*****Register on line or call 646-983-0661 to choose your location and time****
<https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/>



Everyone Counts

Have you filled out your 2020 Census yet?

The Census impacts our hospitals, our healthcare, our disaster programs - all systems that are being stretched thin by the current public health crisis.

Fill out the Census today to contribute to a brighter, more resilient future for Long Island. Go to www.2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020.



For those who are currently looking for work, Catholic Health Services is looking for qualified staff to help during this crisis, including respiratory therapists and housekeeping staff.

Please visit the following websites for information:

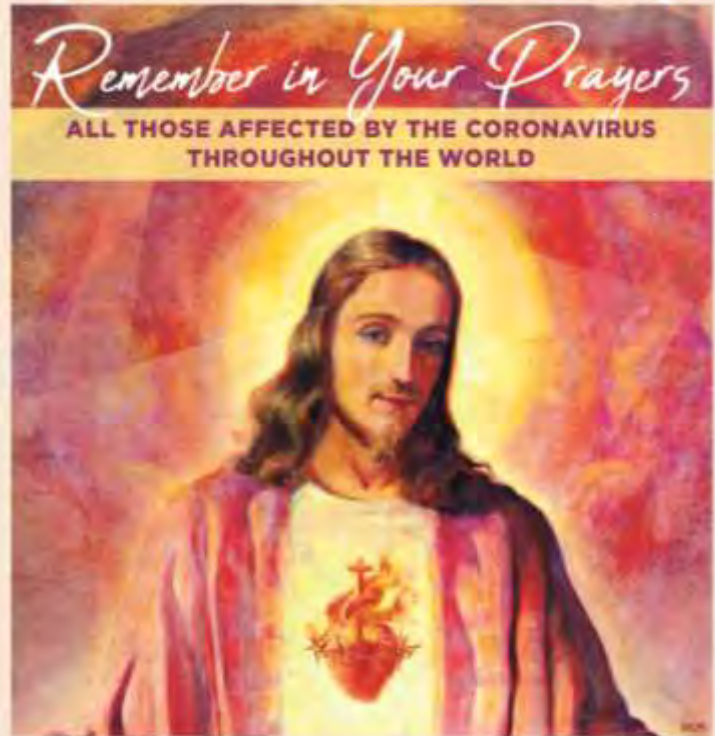
Respiratory Therapists: <https://bit.ly/342qPds>

Housekeeping Staff: <https://bit.ly/EVSJobs>

CHS Careers home page:

www.chsli.org/careers<http://www.chsli.org/careers>





*Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.*

*We ask this in Your Name.
Amen*

HAPPY
Earth
DAY



Wednesday,
April 22, 2020

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