

April 5, 2020



R. C. CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW

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The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9



Pastor

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.

PARISH SCHOOL: HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL:
631-543-0202

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS: Porzia DiGiorgio: me@porzia.com
and John DiGiorgio: me@johndigiorgio.com

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER:

Kathryn Giandoreggio: 631-491-3735

ATHLETIC WEBSITE: www.smrcc.org

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR/ INTRAMURAL & CYO TRAVEL

COORDINATOR: Chris Felice: smrccathletics@gmail.com

BAPTISM OFFICE: Bettyanne Russo: 499-8520 x 126

Email: stmatthewdixhills@gmail.com

BEREAVEMENT: Kathryn M. Douglas: 631-495-8541

Including: Teens (12-17) who have lost a parent.

Widows and Widowers 65 and under

Widow and Widowers 65 and over

BIBLE STUDY: Anthony Albano: 586-4827

BOY SCOUTS: Ernst Trampusch: 631-254-2656

BULLETIN: email: bulletin@smrcc.org

BUSINESS MANAGER: Dolores Tiernan: 499-8520 x 113

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION:

Ann Podina: 858-0684

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:

Jack Maccio: 499-8520 x 117 or JBM1944@icloud.com

C.C.D. RELIGIOUS ED: Mary Donaldson, D.R.E.: 864-3321

Rita Minder, Assistant: 864-3321

CHOIR: Lee Forsythe: 631-499-8520 x 116

Ed Oriani, Cantor for Tridentine Mass

COMPASSIONATE CARE & CONSOLATION MINISTRY:

Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Ray Smolenski: 243-0449

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

FEED THE POOR MINISTRY: Frank Harnos: 499-0074 or

Julie Maddaloni: 242-2183

FOOD PANTRY: Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

HOSPITALITY: Dolores Tiernan: 499-8520 x 113

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Glenn Martin GK: 631-873-7233

K OF C SQUIRES: Sir Francis Scotti: 917-567-9829

LECTORS: Helen Campa: 586-0682

LEGION OF MARY: Judy Archbold: 667-4629

LET'S PLAY: Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

MINISTRY OF PRAISE: Rosemary Sammon: 499-5176

PARISH OUTREACH: Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

PILGRIM MADONNA: Rosa Nappo: 920-2446 or

Lucia Agnone: 631 522-1436

PLANT ENGINEER: Luis Flores: 631 492-7881

PRE-CANA: Deacon Carmine DeStefano: 631-896-0983

RIGHT TO LIFE: Toni Shannon: 631 586-3807

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Patricia Bissex: 631 549-9415

PASTOR/PARISH SECRETARY: Bettyanne Russo:

499-8520 x 126 - Email: stmatthewdixhills@gmail.com

SONS OF ITALY: Diana Grauer: 631-242-2710

SPANISH MINISTRY: Deacon Luis Polanco: 631-334-1052

ST. VINCENT de PAUL: Michael Brennan: 499-8520 x 118

USHERS: Tom Siegler: 631-920-2055

WEDDING MUSIC: Lee Forsythe: 631-334-7138

YOUNG SENIORS MODERATOR: Fr. Benet: 499-8520 x125

Business Manager
Dolores Tiernan
Finance Chairperson
Richard Bove
Trustees
Philip C. Pandolfi
Raymond Smolenski



Collection Mail-In Totals
March 28 & 29

Weekly: \$ 2,214.00
 Easter Flowers: \$ 453.00
 Faith Direct: \$ 2,300.00

**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 4

4:00 PM Vincenzo Marra
 Living Intentions of Jack Tseng
 Rocco Amoroso
 Edward Lopez
 Daniela Conte
 Nancy A. Chieffo

7:00 PM

Sunday, Apr 5

7:30 AM Frank Campa
 9:30 AM J. Zullo
 11:00 AM Janice Schaefer
 12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish
 12:30 PM Joseph & Barbara Fusaro

Monday, Apr 6

9:00 AM Rose & Alex Seefried

Tuesday, Apr 7

9:00 AM Enrichetta & John Manetta

Wednesday, Apr 8

9:00 AM Salvatore Montesano

Thursday, Apr 9

9:00 AM No Morning Mass
 7:30 PM Intentions of the Priests

Friday, Apr 10

9:00 AM No Mass

Saturday, Apr 11

9:00 AM No Morning Mass
 7:00 PM No Spanish Mass
 7:30 PM Edwin J. Lucie
 Michael Quinlivan
 Patricia Endres
 Janet Reynolds
 Margaret DeCiantis
 Millie & Frank Tricamo
 Intentions of Jack Tseng

Sunday, Apr 12

7:30 AM Frank Campa
 9:30 AM Schoch, Mantel &
 Schwartz Families
 11:00 AM Edwin J. Lucie
 12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish
 12:30 PM Intentions of Sbashnig &
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Dear Friends,

Palm Sunday has, I may say so, a liturgical “Split Personality”: on the one hand a brief triumph in the Entrance of Our Lord that begins the Palm Sunday Liturgy, followed by the rest of the Mass in which Good Friday and the Passion are the focus.

This year, of course, we will not be able to personally share in the ceremonies of Palm Sunday and Holy Week. However, the message remains as ever.

Triumph and Tragedy might be an easy caption, but not the actual truth.

It is the Triumph of Divine Love through the seeming “tragedy” of the Cross.

Preaching on the Passion of Christ, St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) pointed to a large Crucifix and asked his hearers *Who did this?* He paused, and asked again more insistently **WHO DID THIS?** After a further pause he gave the answer: *Love did this, heedless of His dignity!*

Love is a powerful thing. The Scriptures tell us it is *as stern as death, relentless as the netherworld.* It is so powerful and complex that the Greeks used three words for it: *Eros* (physical passion and desire); *Philia* (friendship and loyalty); and *Agape* (a profound unselfish desire for the true good of the other, undefeated and undaunted in its desire to go good to the Other). It is this latter word that **we find used in the New Testament to describe Christ’s love for us. When Saint Jerome translated the Greek texts into the common Latin of the 4th century he used the word *Caritas* rather than the more common *Amor.* Over the centuries that was rendered into English as “charity” which has become for many a somewhat impersonal word redolent of organized “charities”. We tend to use the single word “love” for what the Gospel and Saint Paul meant by *agape* or *caritas.***

Odd that our English tongue, so rich and varied in so many ways, has but one word for that *many-splendored thing.* There are all kinds of love. There is even a love to BE loved.

It was Love that did the “this” of the Passion and Death of Christ on the Cross. It was His love for us; NOT His desire to BE loved by us that drove Him to the foreseen Cross.

If Jesus desired “to be loved” first and foremost, He would have betrayed His Father’s will. His human nature recoiled in horror at the prospect of the Passion and all its horrific features; but He would not renounce the proffered *cup* in Gethsemane if it meant abandoning His very purpose.

He would have *come down from that cross,* as He was taunted to do, if He wanted to BE loved.

No, He loves us too much to merely please us.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee. For by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world!

God’s blessings,

Father Hewes

We have just received news today (March 30th) that Deacon Jim McQuade has passed away. He had been diagnosed as suffering from the effects of the Covid-19 virus. We express our deepest condolences to Marie, his wife, and his family.

To anyone who knows St. Matthew's Parish, his absence will be hard to imagine. He served here as a Permanent Deacon for decades and his style, manner, humor, and humility were one-of-a-kind.

I will miss him deeply.

Due to the public health crisis public funeral arrangements are not possible at this time.

Fr. Hewes

Holy Week

As has been already announced, due to the severe restrictions during this public health crisis, *all Holy Week ceremonies and scheduled Confessions are suspended.* There will, however, be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Good Friday from 12 noon to 3 pm for private prayer.



*Altar Flowers
In loving memory of
Richard F. Zammillo
From Your loving brother, Ralph*

*Altar Candles
Dearest Rosalie,
Happy Birthday in Heaven
Love, Your husband*



**A New Pastoral Letter
by Bishop John O. Barres**



Available online by visiting:

www.thegreatweek.com

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Dear Friends,

The following directives were received Monday, March 16th. Like you, I find this an occasion of regret and sorrow.

Bound by the obligation of ecclesial obedience and concern for the public health, I have implemented them immediately. The communication to the priests from the Diocese explicitly cancels all public Liturgies and devotions until Easter Tuesday, April 14th.

As you can imagine, this is an unprecedented and disturbing time. I will try to keep you informed by the parish website smrcc.org and the electronic bulletin on the website as to any further developments and changes.

As of March 17th as well, all scheduled Confessions are suspended and no Funeral Liturgies are to be celebrated in church or in the Funeral Home.

The church will remain open for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Now more than ever, you are all in my daily Divine Office and prayers!

Father Hewes

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As of March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control announced that it is recommended that all events involving 50 people or more be suspended or postponed.

In an effort to promote health and safety of all people, the Diocese of Rockville Centre announces the following measures:

1. *Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM, all Masses (weekday and weekend), meetings, and non-essential activities in our parishes are suspended or postponed through Tuesday, April 14, 2020. This will include all Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. However, these will be televised and available online (see below). This includes all Confirmations, First Communions, First Confessions, etc. When these events are rescheduled, they will be announced by local parishes. Baptisms should be postponed unless absolutely necessary and should observe the limits.*
2. Churches may remain open for private prayer at the discretion of the Pastor. However, they must observe the recommendation of fewer than 50 people permitted.

3. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will provide televised and online daily Masses, including Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, as well as other devotional and spiritual programs. (Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471.) CFN is also available on selected cable and satellite systems and through 24/7 live stream at CFNtv.org. You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the **CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching “Catholic Faith Network” or “CFN.”**

Currently, our Catholic Schools are closed through March 27, 2020, following the measures taken by Nassau and Suffolk public schools. However, we continue to monitor the situation and will adapt and update as needed. Again, we continue to monitor the situation and will adapt and update as needed.

In an effort to participate in the statewide efforts to halt the spread of the COVID-19 virus, effective on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the administrative offices of the Diocese of Rockville Centre located in Rockville Centre and Massapequa Park will be closed through Monday, April 13, 2020. Offices are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 8:30 am. These locations will be thoroughly cleaned during closure. All employees will be working remotely, with business being conducted by email, telephonically or electronically, as best as possible.

For the latest information visit [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).

***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.*

*Faith Direct online giving is available per information in the bulletin. Our Parish Code is NY 368.*



## **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.**



April 5 - Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

**Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.**

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



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Chloe Atienza  
Marie Clarke  
Lisa Ciota  
Daniela Conti  
Gerard Costa  
Joseph Costa

Vilma Diaztoral  
David Falen  
Lawrence Famighetti  
Nunzio Grella  
Lisa Marie Hulsen  
Roy Internicola

Christian Martino  
Sophia Marzulla  
John McIntyre  
Jay McNamee  
Jill Pasquolone  
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](mailto:bulletin@smrcc.org).** ↔





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*The Place for Learning and Praying*

***Our Family/Children's Mass is Sunday at 9:30AM***

*Mary Donaldson, Director Rita Minder, Assistant*

*Religion Office Phone 864-3321 Fax 499-1530 maryccd@smrcc.org*

***THIS PALM SUNDAY IS A TRYING TIME FOR US ALL. GOD IS WALKING WITH US AND HEARS OUR PRAYERS. WE ARE NOT ALONE, WE HAVE OUR FAITH AND EACH OTHER.***

Due to the Coronavirus threat Religious Education classes have ended for the year.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Registration forms for the Winter Program (September 2020 thru April 2021) will be mailed home in early May for students in grades two through eight. When registering a new student, 1st thru 8th grade, you must come into the Religion Office on the second floor of the Parish Center, Monday through Thursday, between 11:00AM and 4:00PM. Please be sure to bring a copy

**CONFIRMATION INFO**

The Bishop has cancelled Confirmation here on Tuesday, March 31st. The new date is Tuesday, June 2nd. All Confirmation requirements have also been cancelled until further notice.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INFO**

Our First Holy Communions are still scheduled for Saturday, May 9th and Saturday, May 16th but First Penance for our second grade children on March 28th and April 4th has been cancelled. The rescheduled date has not been determined.

**SUMMER PROGRAM**

The dates for the Summer Program 2020 are August 2nd through August 16th, from 8:30AM to 1:00PM, Monday thru Friday and the three Sunday 9:30 Masses on 8/2, 8/9 and 8/16. Grades 4 thru 7 are eligible and the fee is \$300.00 per child. **Registration is Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00PM in the Church** and Summer Program Helper sign-up is Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00PM in Msgr. Goggin Hall.

# ENROLLMENT FORM



Church Name



St. Matthew Catholic Church  
35 North Service Road  
Dix Hills, NY 11746

FOR ONLINE ENROLLMENT  
USE CHURCH CODE:

NY368

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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  |
| (In addition to weekly gift)                             |          |          | <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: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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](https://CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org), phone 516-678-5800 ext. 296 or call Jack Maccio at St. Matthew - 631 499-8520 Ext. 117 or [JBM1944@icloud.com](mailto:JBM1944@icloud.com).



St. Catherine of Siena  
Medical Center  
Catholic Health Services  
At the heart of health

## **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/>**



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE  
Cancelled due to COVID 19 coronavirus**

It's with a heavy heart that I have decided to end the public vigil portion of the spring 40 Days for Life campaign effective immediately due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

For the remainder of the campaign, we will continue the daily emails on what has happened this campaign. **During the remaining days of the campaign, we will unite in**

**prayer, fasting, and spiritual union to pray for an end to abortion and this pandemic.**

This was the toughest decision I've made serving as President & CEO of this lifesaving movement, but I feel it is the right one. Since we did the first campaign back in 2004, I have visited over 530 vigil locations, and the safety of your family during a campaign is and will always be my number one priority.

Shawn Carney, President/CEO 40 Days for Life

**More info.:** [40DFLsmithtown@gmail.com](mailto:40DFLsmithtown@gmail.com) ~ [40daysforlife.com/Smithtown](http://40daysforlife.com/Smithtown)

**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 12, 2020 is Triumph.**

**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](http://www.ReligionandRock.com).

Don't forget to tune into Catholic Faith Network, Cablevision 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit [www.cfnv.org](http://www.cfnv.org).

**Prayer During A Health Crisis**

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.

**Lenten Disciplines of  
Fasting & Abstinence**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

**PLEASE NOTE THE  
UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Sunday, April 12 is Thursday, April 2  
Sunday, April 19 is Monday, April 13  
Sunday, April 26 is Monday, April 20  
Sunday, May 3 is Monday, April 27

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