

May 3, 2020 ~ Good Shepherd Sunday



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law

Roman Catholic Church of St. Matthew
35 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York 11746
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Office Hours: Closed until further notice.



Pastor

Rev. Robert Hewes

Associate Pastors

Rev. Joseph Habila

Rev. Benet Uwasomba

Deacon

Carmine DeStefano

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

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ATHLETICS DIRECTOR/ INTRAMURAL & CYO TRAVEL

COORDINATOR: Chris Felice: smrccathletics@gmail.com

BAPTISM OFFICE: Bettyanne Russo: 499-8520 x 126

Email: stmatthewdixhills@gmail.com

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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

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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

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Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

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LECTORS: Helen Campa: 586-0682

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MINISTRY OF PRAISE: Rosemary Sammon: 499-5176

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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

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

Business Manager
Dolores Tiernan
Finance Chairperson
Richard Bove
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Raymond Smolenski



Collection Totals

April 25 & 26

Mail-In Weekly: \$ 4,429.00
Faith Direct: \$ 2,300.00

**About The Types of
Catholic Wedding Ceremonies**

There are two forms of 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, May 2

4:00 PM Living Intentions of Jack Tseng
Rocco Amoroso
Salvatore Di Guardia
Dolores Jones
Nancy Chieffo

7:00 PM

Sunday, May 3

7:30 AM Alberto Parra
9:30 AM Angelina Balatri
11:00 AM Matthew J. Ferrara
12:30 P M (L) For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM Rita Mc Nally

Monday, May 4

9:00 AM Millie Tricamo

Tuesday, May 5

9:00 AM Sophie & Jan Habek ~
Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, May 6

9:00 AM Salvatore Montesano

Thursday, May 7

9:00 AM Charles Bienenstein

Friday, May 8

9:00 AM Margaret & William Hoffman

Saturday, May 9

9:00 AM Enrichetta & John Manetta
Frank Urso, Jr.
Leo & Slevin Families
Vincent & Louise Costello
Rose & Joseph Vallario
Marion & Anthony Biello

4:00 PM Janice Schaefer
Maria Fodera
John Vierling, Jr.
Caterina Cortelli-Giordano
Members of the Gayer &
O'Regan Families
Living Intentions of Jack Tseng

7:00 PM Ana Olinda Najarro

Sunday, May 10

7:30 AM Mother's Day Novena
June Sheehan
9:30 AM Phyllis Carabba
11:00 AM Lovana Piscitello
12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM Marie Josephine Racano &
James Racano

Remember Your Mother At Mass On Mother's Day



It is a beautiful way to express your loving thoughts.

Mass Remembrance Card Sets are available at the doors of the church.

Please return to Parish Center, with your intention and donation by Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th.

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



**PLEASE NOTE THE
UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES**

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



*The Bread and Wine
In Loving Memory of
Alberto Parra
With Love,
Margarita Alessio & Family*



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 Pasqualone
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.

MAY: For Deacons

That deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



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.

April 27, 2020

Dear Friends,



While our “shut down” continues, the life of the Church continues in restricted circumstances.

We have been doing Funeral Blessings for the deceased, outside the church, on the way to the cemetery, with the family present, these past weeks as requested.

Our weekend Eucharistic Holy Hours on Saturday from 3 to 4pm and Sunday from 11am to 12 noon continue and draw a devoted corps of attendees for private prayer, communal prayer and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. These devotions will be enhanced beginning next weekend by our Music Director and cantor.

Future celebrations of Confirmation and First Holy Communion can not be scheduled as yet, but background planning is going on.

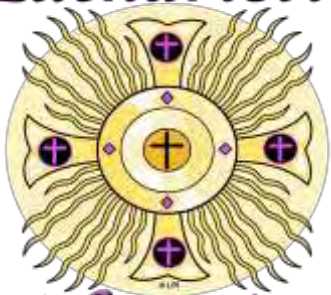
I would very much like to thank those who have generously contributed by mail and via online giving (FaithDirect.com) these past several weeks. As you can see from our **online bulletin, the parish’s income is drastically affected. However, I am conscious that** many of you could also say the same thing.

I remember all of you in my private Masses and in the daily praying of the Divine Office.

Please God, in the words of an old ballad, ***We’ll meet again!***

As ever, in Christ,
Father Hewes

Eucharistic



Adoration

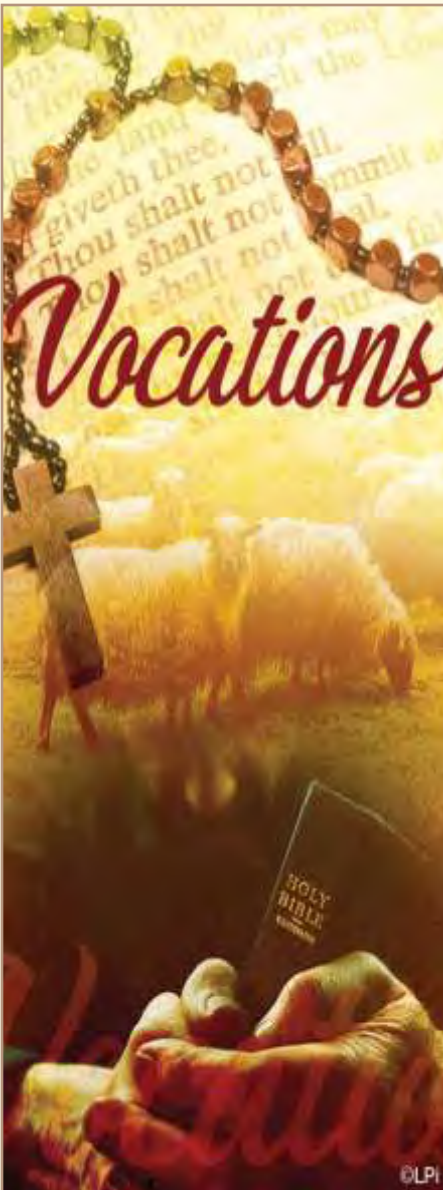
REMINDER: Holy Hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in a solemn form are continuing, during these days of quarantine, on Tuesdays - 9:30 am to 10:30 am, Saturdays - 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Sundays - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. The weekend Hours will now have music and hymns led by our Music Director and cantor.

While not a substitute for Mass and Communion, they nonetheless provide an opportunity for private and communal prayer for the sick, the deceased, and the health and recovery of many. We also intercede in these days for the lack of faith and the rejection of God and His Church that so characterizes many aspects of our culture in our day.



AN 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.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, May 3, 2020

For those of us who are Catholic, we believe in the power of vocations to help spread the Gospel message. And vocations are an important part of the community. The vocations to priesthood, or the diaconate, or religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the good news. However, we need to also speak about the vocation of married life as service to the church; and furthermore, the vocation of single life. It is at our baptism that we are given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the church.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Rv 3:20).

We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He only invites and never demands or breaks into our lives without our acceptance. He knocks, we open the door, and the invitation and welcome are complete.

Let us pray...

God of the invitation, you knock upon the door of everyone's heart.
We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the
responsibility of saying yes.

We humbly ask you for your wisdom to serve your church with
compassion and acceptance.

We believe that when we say yes, you will provide the grace for the
work ahead.

Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives
to constant service to your church.

Also give grace to those couples and single men and women who
work for the church in their secular lives.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother,
who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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



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 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
(In addition to weekly gift)	\$ _____	April	<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.

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, May 10, 2020 is Parents. 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.

Use your IRA for your Gift Now and/or for your Estate Gift!

If you would like to make a gift now using your IRA and if:

You are at least 70 1/2 years old and don't exceed your maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions, you will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The best way to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution." In most cases, you will only have to fill out a simple form.

Very important! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first, you'll be taxed on it. If you make an Estate gift, you can make your Parish a beneficiary of your IRA and your loved ones will not have to pay income tax on their proceeds.



DIocese of Rockville Center

During these difficult times, as a family of faith, we turn to our Heavenly Father in prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer intentions and those of your family below. All prayer intentions will be placed in a basket near the altar in Saint Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre before the 11:00 AM Mass each Sunday, televised on Catholic Faith Network and accessible online at DRVC.org or CFNtv.org.

The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

- St. Therese of Lisieux

You can submit your prayer requests on line at DRVC.org, Coronavirus Updates and Submit Your Prayer Intentions..



May 3 - Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters.



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Religious Liberty or Religious Oppression: A Time to Choose (Part 1)

Across the country, many government officials have announced stay-at-home orders of dubious constitutional validity. The result is that in many communities the jails are being emptied of criminals while individuals respecting appropriate precautions have been arrested for the crime of being outside their home. This has led to protests in many states. "We have God-given rights that are infringed upon right now, every day this state remains closed," said a NC protestor. ⁽¹⁾ "I understand the need for caution, but I think it's gone way past anything reasonable," said a Kentucky resident. ⁽²⁾

NYS Executive Order from governor states: "all non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reasons (worship services, parties, etc.) are canceled or postponed. Further, individuals should not gather in ... homes... for religious services until the end of this public health emergency"⁽³⁾ He further provides an online form for residents to report fellow New Yorkers they think are breaking the rules.

Michigan governor issued new orders to prohibit visiting family or friends unless to provide care; buying non-essential items such as gardening equipment, potting soil and seeds when in a store buying groceries; banning travel to a vacation home; banning some types of boats but not others.

Los Angeles, CA, mayor is encouraging residents to "snitch" on fellow citizens. "We want to thank you for turning folks in and making sure we are all safe."⁽⁴⁾

NY City mayor is telling New Yorkers, "Bang, send a photo like this, and we will make sure that enforcement comes right away," if they observe anyone being too close.⁽⁵⁾

Kentucky State Troopers recorded license plate numbers of Christians who attended drive-in services on Easter...in spite of nails spread across the drive way entrances.

In NC, as in all states, abortion clinics continue in operation but elective surgery such as hip replacements are banned in hospitals. Sidewalk pro-life counselors, practicing social-distancing in front of a NC abortion facility, were handcuffed and arrested. "We are a federally recognized public charity," said a Cities4Life volunteer. "I am well within my constitutional authority to be here."⁽⁶⁾

"The human desire for freedom is universal and cannot be repressed. The longing for freedom accrues and is common to all humanity." - Sec. of State Pompeo, Nov. 15, 2019, reflecting on his recent trip to Germany to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. ⁽⁷⁾

"Safety from external danger is the most powerful director of national conduct. To be more safe (nations), at length, become willing to run the risk of being less free." - Alexander Hamilton, Founding Father

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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 Wait 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/>

Shape
your future
START HERE >

United States®
**Census
2020**

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.



**Catholic
Health Services**
of Long Island

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>>

JESUS
CHRIST IS
THE SAME
YESTERDAY,
TODAY,
AND
FOREVER.

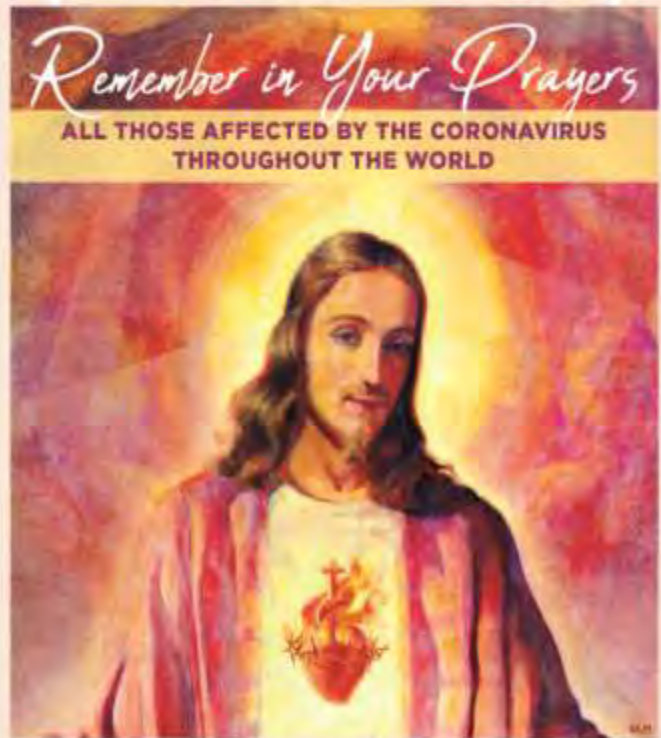


Thursday, May 7, 2020

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the U.S. Congress, when people are asked “to turn to God in prayer and meditation.”

Blessing for Our Nation

God of all things,
we come before you in thanksgiving
for all that you have created.
For the world and its beauty,
but especially for the people around us.
We ask you today to give us wisdom and
courage
to look at the world and all its problems
and inspire us to dream great ways to
improve upon
what you have so graciously given to us.
Make us worthy to call you Father.
And together bestow insight upon us
to honor your created things.
Bless, protect, and gift us ever anew
with your love.
We ask all this as members of this
country, in Christ's name.
Amen.



*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*