

March 29, 2020



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

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## **Roman Catholic Church of St. Matthew**

**35 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York 11746**  
**(631) 499 - 8520 Fax: (631) 499 - 1530 [www.smrcc.org](http://www.smrcc.org)**

*The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law*



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Music Director: Lee Forsythe

PARISH REGISTRATION

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [www.smrcc.org](http://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

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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

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Sr. Kay McCarthy: 499-8520 x 124

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**Collection Mail-In Totals**  
**March 21 & 22**

Weekly: \$ 1,475.00  
Catholic Relief Services: \$ 110.00  
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, Mar 28**

4:00 PM Living Intentions of Jack Tseng  
Debra Lategano  
Marion Joseph  
Frank Pellegrini  
Rae J. Lange  
7:00 PM Jose Angel Alvarenga ~  
7th Year In Heaven

**Sunday, Mar 29**

7:30 AM Helen Muller  
9:30 AM Thomas Archbold  
11:00 AM Lorraine & Raymond Cortelli and  
Salvatore & Catrina Cortelli  
12:30 PM (L) For the People of the Parish  
12:30 PM Peter Scagnelli

**Monday, Mar 30**

9:00 AM Mary & Antonio Di Maso

**Tuesday, Mar 31**

9:00 AM Vincent Costello

**Wednesday, Apr 1**

9:00 AM Danny Tonasulo

**Thursday, Apr 2**

9:00 AM Dorothy Mallon

**Friday, Apr 3**

9:00 AM Frank P. Tiernan

**Saturday, Apr 4**

9:00 AM Faye E. Zammillo  
Marie Josephine Racano  
Dr. Bruno Datillo  
Stella Panagos  
Michael Thomas Marino

4:00 PM Vincenzo Marra  
Living Intentions of Jack Tseng  
Rocco Amoroso  
Edward Lopez  
Daniella 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

Dear Friends,

The following directives were received Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

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 14<sup>th</sup>.



As you can imagine, this is an unprecedented and disturbing time.

I will try to keep you informed by the parish website [smrcc.org](http://smrcc.org) and the electronic bulletin on the website as to any further developments and changes.

As of March 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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.**

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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](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).



## Focus on Religious Freedom

[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

***"We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, between the gospel and the anti-gospel, between Christ and the antichrist."***

Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope John Paul II, 1976

### Five Popes Reflect on the Philosophy of Socialism and Communism:

**American Heritage Dictionary:** *"Socialism is any of various theories or systems of social organization in which the means of producing and distributing goods is owned collectively or by a centralized government that often plans and controls the economy."*

**Catholic Social Teaching** (catholic.org): "Only persons are made in the image of God... The dignity of man, the concept of personhood, cannot be built upon agnostic or atheistic foundations."

**Pope John Paul II (1978-2005)** "Socialism considers the individual person simply as an element, a molecule within the social organism, so that the good of the individual is completely subordinated to the functioning of the socio-economic mechanism."

**Pope Benedict XVI (2005-2013)** "We do not need a State which regulates and controls everything, but a State which ... generously acknowledges and supports initiatives arising from (those)...closest to those in need (government power ought to reside at the local or regional level and least centralized competent authority.)"

**Pope Paul VI (1963-1978)** "Too often Christians attracted by socialism tend to idealize it in terms which are very general: a will for justice, solidarity and equality. They refuse to recognize the limitations of the historical socialist movements, ..."

**Pope John XXIII (1958-1963)** "Pope Pius XI emphasized the fundamental opposition between Communism and Christianity, and made it clear that no Catholic could subscribe even to moderate Socialism. The reason is that Socialism is founded on a doctrine of human society which ... takes no account of any objective other than that of material well-being... it places too severe a restraint on human liberty..."

**Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903)** "To remedy these wrongs (in society) the socialists, working on the poor man's envy of the rich, are striving to do away with private property, and contend that individual possessions should become the common property of all, to be administered by the State or by municipal bodies. They hold that by thus transferring property from private individuals to the community, the present mischievous state of things will be set to rights, inasmuch as each citizen will then get his fair share of whatever there is to enjoy. But (if) their contentions ... were carried into effect, the working man himself would be among the first to suffer."

([tfp.org](http://tfp.org); [catholic.org](http://catholic.org); [catholic365.com](http://catholic365.com); [dr.taylormarshall.com](http://dr.taylormarshall.com))

## Y.E.S. ~ SENIOR NEWS



The YES group celebrating an early St. Patrick's Day at the BiVio restaurant.





HELP SAVE LIVES IN SMITHTOWN, NY!  
Join our 2020 Campaign of Prayer and Fasting!

**You can help protect mothers and children** by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired over 1,000,000 volunteers! **With God's help**, here are the proven results in 25 coordinated campaigns: **16,742** babies saved from abortion **196 abortion** workers quit ~ **104 abortion** centers closed

**Here's how to take part** in our 40 Days for Life prayer campaign (choose one or all three):

- (1.) Prayer Vigil – pray on sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood building, 70 Maple Ave., Smithtown. (Park in public lot, corner of Main St. & Maple Ave. near CVS) *Please sign up* for your hour(s) each week at: [40daysforlife.com/Smithtown](http://40daysforlife.com/Smithtown) ~ February 26-April 5 from 7am to 7pm
- (2.) Pray with friends and family at your local parish/church and at home
- (3.) Fast and Sacrifice as your health permits

**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 5, 2020 is Poverty.**

**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 5 is Friday, March 27
- Sunday, April 12 is Thursday, April 2
- Sunday, April 19 is Monday, April 13
- Sunday, April 26 is Monday, April 20

**Please email:** [bulletin@smrcc.org](mailto:bulletin@smrcc.org)



**March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, by providing food, and assistance with rent and utility bills, etc. Thank You!**

**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 Rodriquez  
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.*

**MARCH - Catholics in China**

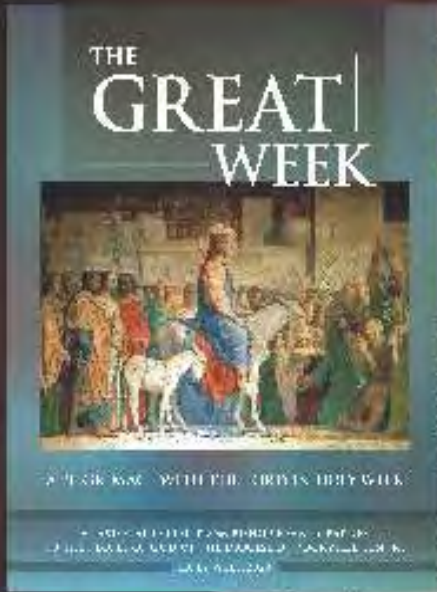
That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



**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).



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



Available online by visiting:

[www.thegreatweek.com](http://www.thegreatweek.com)

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



**Come & join us on a pilgrimage to the  
National Shrine of Divine Mercy at Stockbridge, MA  
on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 2020.**

The bus will depart at 5:00 AM from LIE Exit 61, Park & Ride Lot, then proceed to St. Matthew's Church, Dix Hills for a second pickup of passengers. The bus will return to the same locations at approximately 9:45 PM. The bus ride is \$39, payable by check only, which is non-refundable but transferable.

First-come, first-served.

Please contact Hermy De Los Reyes via cell phone at 631 566-0143 for reservations or for additional information.

### Everyone Counts

Census Day is April 1. This means when you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.



**The census response website is now live.** You can fill out the census for your household at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) even if you have not received your invitation and census ID number. Just enter your address to begin.