

St. Edward the Confessor

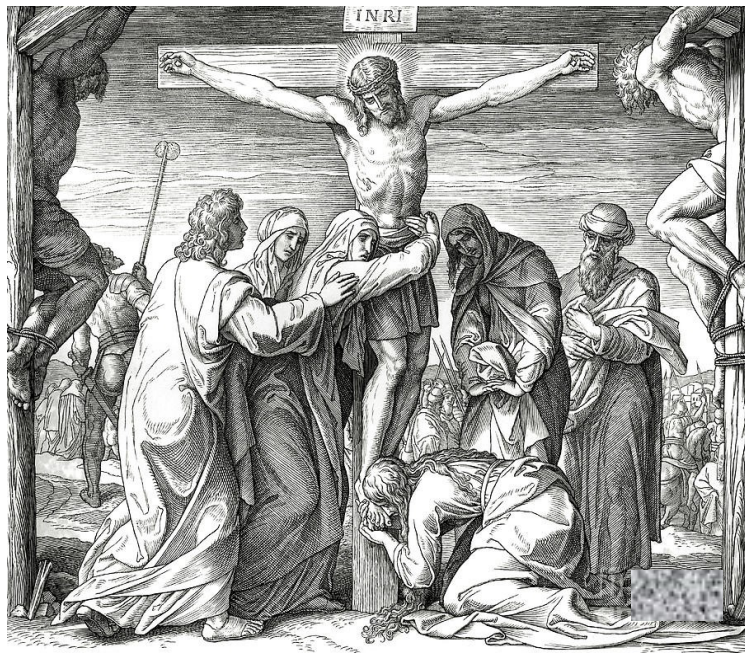
205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd..."



... a good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep".



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25th, 2021

THE PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
Rev. Hyacinth Jemigbola, Associate Pastor
Rev. Celestine Nwosu, Associate Pastor
Msgr. Donald E. Beckmann, Sunday Priest
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Deacon Barry P. Croce



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Mrs. Marilyn Fox
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Mrs. Rosemary Pettei, Director
Ms. Mary Calabrese, Director of Confirmation
Mrs. Ann Braun, Secretary

Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

Not registered? Please stop by our Rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family!

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....	921-8030 ext. 150
Rectory Fax.....	921-4549
St. Edward Confessor School.....	921-7767
Religious Education Office.....	921-8543
RCIA.....	921-8030 ext. 135
Administration.....	921-8030 ext. 136
Bulletin Editor.....	921-8030 ext. 137
Facilities Scheduler.....	921-8030 ext. 137
St. Vincent De Paul Society.....	516-218-7837
PSM/Pantry.....	921-8030 ext. 140
Music Ministry.....	921-8030 ext. 150
Youth Ministry.....	921-8030 ext. 127
Pastoral Center Offices.....	921-8030 ext. 132

Rectory Hours

The rectory will be open during the following times:

Mondays - Thursdays:	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Fridays:	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed for Lunch M-F:	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Saturdays - Sundays:	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Outside of these hours, please call: 516-921-8030

When Attending Mass

While attending Mass during the coming weeks please remember to wear your face mask at all times and to maintain social distancing. After Mass has ended you are requested to depart from church immediately afterwards, and not congregate in the gathering area. Thank You.

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, May 1	5:00 PM	Fr. Mike*
Sunday, May 2	7:30 AM	Fr. Celestine*
	9:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann
Deacons to Preach	11:30 AM	Fr. Mike

Our Weekly Offering

April 18, 2021	\$ 10,525.00
# of Envelopes	189
Automatic Trans.	\$ 5,318.00
# of Envelopes	55
Total	\$ 15,843.00
Easter as of 4/18	\$ 68,244.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Church

You may also make an appointment by calling the rectory at: 516-921-8030.

We thank all who contributed to the support of our Parish! Fr. Mike

Protect Our Children Hotline

If you or someone you know has experienced an incident of sexual abuse by clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, please **contact law enforcement and the diocesan's Office for the Protection of Children and Young People.**

The Diocese maintains a special phone number to report these situations:

Tel.: 516-594-9063

Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org
School: www.stedwardconfessor.org
Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com
Facebook: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.facebook.com/stedwardsyosset)
Twitter: [stedwardsyosset](https://twitter.com/stedwardsyosset)
Instagram: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.instagram.com/stedwardsyosset)
Formed: formed.org

St. Edward's Mass is Online -

The St. Edward's 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses are recorded and posted online, both on YouTube and Facebook, and is available for viewing at any time.

YouTube - St. Edward the Confessor Church - Syosset
Facebook Page - St. Edward the Confessor Church

“Lord God, be my refuge and my strength.”

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 4/26 - Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter
9:00 am John McAleavey

Tues. - 4/27 - Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter
9:00 am Parker Linden Bankson

Wed. - 4/28 - Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter
9:00 am Estela De La Rosa Florimon

Thurs. - 4/29 - Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena
9:00 am Loretta Allebach

Fri. - 4/30 - Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter
9:00 Mildred Kane

Sat. - 5/1 - Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter
9:00 am Paul De Sabato
5:00 pm Liam Francis McAvoy
Franz & Maria Mayrhofer
Mary Lou Brown
Marie Stallone
James Krieg
Joseph Rossi

Sun. - 5/2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:30 am Mario Dammarco
9:30 am Marie Stallone
11:30 am Christina Angelo
Michael Kvasnak
Roco & Joanne Longo
Unborn Babies
Catherine Scharer
Jerry & John Stepanovich

Please remember that the church will be open daily for your own private devotions, which may include: An Act of Spiritual Communion, Praying the Divine Office, Praying the Rosary, or writing down your own intentions in the book found at the rear of the church.

Military List

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hand. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”

Lt. Cmdr. Jameson Adler, U.S. Navy SEAL
Cpl. Matthew V. Balestrieri, U.S. Marine Corps
Maj. Joel Bernazzani, U.S. Air Force
Pvt. 1/C, Anthony M. Biz, U.S. Marine Corps
Pvt. John J. D’Amico, U.S. Army Airborne
Ens. Ryan Dunleavy, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Noah C. Estey, U.S. Marine Corps
Pvt. Joseph Evola, Jr., U.S. Army
SSgt. Michael Gregory, U.S. Army Special Forces
Petty Officer 3rd Class David Griffin, U.S. Navy
Lt. John Hagerman, U.S. Navy
Pvt. Gary Harris, U.S. Army
Lt. Amanda Hine, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Christopher Hofer, U.S. Air Force
Maj. Christian Kapey, U.S. Marine Corps
Sr. Airman Michael LiBretto, U.S. Air Force
Cpl. Erik Liebergall, U.S. Marine Corps
Pvt. Jonathan Maldonado, U.S. Army
Seaman Liam Pieper, U.S. Navy
2nd t. Richard Martin Prestegaard, U.S. Army
Petty Officer Sean T. Sattler, U.S. Coast Guard
Lt. Brian Shields, U.S. Coast Guard
SSgt. Paul Smith, U.S. Army
Maj. James Tom, U.S. Army
2nd Lt. John P. Trainor, U.S. Marine Corps
1st Lt. Michelle Turcios, U.S. Army
Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy

“If you know of any military personnel listed above who are no longer in the service, please call the Rectory at: 516-921-8030 to have their name removed. In this way we can accommodate new names”.

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of April 25 - May 1, 2021
Is Given in Loving Memory of

Loretta Allebach

By: Pat Beckerle

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of April 25 - May 1, 2021
Is Lit in Loving Memory of

Deborah O’Connor

By: Her Loving Children, Kate and Stephen

Pray For The Sick

Joseph Kempton	John Lamb, Sr.	Julianna Key
Kathy Rooney	Robert Philipps	Susan Giambalvo
Michele Wesch	Renata Sorace	Alexandra Reuter
Katy Monte	Catherine Frake	John Hynson
Nancy Klingler-Petzold		

Death to New Life



Joan Jedlicka

The Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 - Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said:
“Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

or:

R. Alleluia.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have been my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have been my savior.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his kindness endures forever.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Reading 2 – 1 John 3:1-2

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Gospel – John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

“I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

From Fr. Mike's Desk

“Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said... ‘He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.’” In these words, Peter is telling the leaders that they (the Apostles) are being questioned by the leaders because Peter healed a disabled man using only the name of Jesus. He adds that they were the ones who handed Jesus over to death, even though He was the cornerstone of life. It is only in and through His name that they can be saved. As Peter spoke to the leaders over 2000 years ago, so he speaks to us. Peter reminds us that salvation comes through Jesus and there is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved.

For some, this expression might be viewed as a stumbling block, as some might see it as being unfair; for what about the people who do not know Jesus. Are they automatically lost? The answer is no, because while God does indeed bring about salvation through Jesus, God does not actively exclude anyone, because God is the creator and Father of the whole human race. God created all of us out of love and actively calls each of us back to Himself, and, yes, He does this through Jesus. Keep in mind, God accepts all who live according to the Gospel (whether they know it or not) and all who are of good will and seek to do His will. This certainly applies to all of the children and adopted children of Abraham, and most of the world's great religions.

But since we know the name of Jesus and how God shows us His love through His Incarnate Son, it is up to us to help those who do not know Him, to come closer and closer to Jesus. We are to share with the whole world the name of Jesus and, of course, the many titles that we know Him by, especially the title shared with us this weekend; the Good Shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who protects His sheep and even lays down His life so that they may have life and have it abundantly. As St. John tells us, the Good

Shepherd helps us to realize that we are God's children right now. This Good Shepherd calls all His sheep from all over the globe, and He calls each to do their part. Our part as Christians is to follow Jesus' lead and to shepherd each other. We are called to help each other in the matters of this life and in helping people achieve the life of the Resurrection. Each of us is called to guide and sustain one another, and some of us are called to do this as lay ministers, and some are called to do this through Religious Life or Ordained Ministry. This weekend is one which we traditionally focus on praying for vocations to Ordained Ministry and the Consecrated life. It is very important that we pray for an increase of vocations, but we have to do more than just pray, we have to encourage people to think about the possibility that God is calling them to this way of life. No, it is not for everyone, but I know that God is calling more people to serve the Church than are answering the call. Sometimes all a person needs, is to be invited to think about that possibility; all we have to do is ask! If you believe that God is calling you or someone you know to a vocation for the priesthood, please contact *Fr. Sean Magaldi* who is the Vocation Director for the Diocese, he can help you in the discernment process and direct you along the way. If you are being called to be a deacon speak to one of our deacons about it. If you are being called to religious life you can speak to one of the Sisters of Mercy or one of the Sisters of St. Dominic who live and work in our area.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

First Reading - Acts 9:26-31
Psalms - 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
Second Reading - 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel - John 15:1-8

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 57 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to the Third Sunday of Easter, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week we did not celebrate the daily morning Mass. The reason for this is, that only the major liturgies of the day are permitted to be celebrated (i.e., *The Mass of the Lord's Supper, The Passion of the Lord, and the Great Vigil of Easter*). However, these days are too important, and we must meet in the morning to pray as a community. So instead, we gather and pray as a group Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. Those who are in Religious Life and or Ordained Ministry (and those preparing for those roles) are required to pray the Liturgy of the Hours every day. This consist of *The Office of the Readings, Morning and Mid-Day Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer*. Sometimes we are very good and faithful to this requirement, but sometimes life gets too busy.

But this is the very reason for praying through the hours, so by our taking the time to pray, we focus on God and the building of the Kingdom of God, rather than just letting the material world be our only focus. The Liturgy of the Hours can be prayed by anyone and it is not too difficult to do. Once a person gets into the habit and is taught how to use the books it becomes a regular part of our life.

The other day, while praying Morning Prayer, I was moved by *Psalm 42* (the Liturgy is divided into praying the psalms, canticles, Scripture Readings, and prayers) because it seemed to refer to the situation the world is in right now. In the psalm we read, "*Deep is calling on deep, in the roar of the waters: your torrents and your waves swept over me. By day, the Lord will send His loving kindness; by night I will sing to Him, praise the God of my life. I will say to God, my rock: 'Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning, oppressed by the foe?'*" As we continue, "*Why are you cast down my soul, why groan within me? Hope in God; I will praise Him still, my savior and my God.'*"

The psalmist like us is living in an upside-down world, and while his faith is being questioned by others, and maybe even himself, he decides that he will place his trust totally in God. This thought goes hand in hand with what we celebrated last Sunday as we contemplated the Divine Mercy, and hopefully the same desire to trust in God is what is sustaining us now. Throughout our history, we have struggled with difficult times, and people of faith have gotten through them because we know that no matter what happens, God is with us. The Psalm Prayer following Psalm 42, reads as follows, "*Father in heaven, when your strength takes possession of us, we no longer say, 'Why are you cast down my soul?' ...Let us feel the healing calm of your forgiveness. Inspire us to yearn for you always...until you satisfy every longing in heaven.'*"

Use the psalms as prayers that identify and heal your problems and those whom you know, and for people through out the whole world. That is why the psalms are a major part of the Liturgy of the Hours, because when we pray them, we are praying with those who identify with the psalmist's situation. They do indeed help us to focus on more than ourselves.

God Bless You and Happy Easter!

Fr. Mike

Catholic Ministries Appeal

**2021
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

DIOCESE OF
ROCKVILLE CENTRE



One Family in Mission
Creating Pathways to Faith

Pope Francis calls each of us to be instruments of Jesus' love and compassion to those in need. Journeying together with Long Island's faithful, we have the opportunity to act on this call through our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). When we support the CMA, we are working together to create pathways of love and compassion by providing programs that serve disadvantaged families, our senior citizens, those struggling with substance abuse and those in need of housing. Additionally, the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps lay paths of evangelization through the formation of our priests, deacons and lay leaders. It assists in training our religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders who educate our youth and parish families, and programs that promote the sanctity of life at all stages. Working together, we are all enriching the lives of all Long Island.

As of April 19, 2021 the Parishioners of St. Edwards have pledged nearly \$79,000, and we are now at 74.9% of our annual goal. Please consider making a pledge to support the various ministries of the Diocese.

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This coming Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena

Catherine of Siena (25 March 1347 – 29 April 1380), was lay member of the Dominican Order. She was a mystic, activist, and author who had a great influence on Italian literature and the Catholic Church. Canonized in 1461, she was also the first woman (along with Teresa of Ávila) to be declared a "Doctor of the Church". Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. She remains a greatly respected figure for her spiritual writings, and political boldness to "speak truth to power", it being exceptional for a woman, in her time period, to have had such influence in politics and on world history.

2021 is The Year of Saint Joseph

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph’s carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.”

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.”



In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed that 2021 was to be a special “Year of St. Joseph.” Pope Francis stated that it is a wonderful opportunity to increase our love for St. Joseph and “to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal”.

If you are interested in learning the Prayer to Saint Joseph then please participate in the weekly Saint Joseph’s Prayer Group each Thursday night. Details on this Prayer Group and how to participate are listed on the following page of the bulletin.

Welcome to the Parish



The Lanzarone Family

Patrick, Gianna,
Alessandra and Adriana

The Moratti Family

Gary, Joanne,
Stephanie and Anthony

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us.

Have you considered answering the call to show care and love by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

If you, or someone you know, is suffering because of the pandemic and think that the St. Vincent de Paul conference could help, please call our phone number (516) 218-7837. We want to help our neighbors through this difficult time.

If you know of someone who might benefit from a virtual home visit, please call our conference at: (516) 218-7837.

Parish Social Ministry



Tel: 516-921-8030

Pantry Hours: 9:30-12:00 noon Monday-Thursday and
2nd Saturday of the month

Next Monthly Food Collection 5/1 & 5/2

Food: Mustard, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Jelly, Cooking Oil, Granola bars, Juice, Coffee, Tea

Personal Grooming: Diapers size 5&6, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene products

Cleaning Supplies: Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, any Cleaning products

Paper Products: Paper towel

Thank you for your continued support, we couldn't help others without your support. Please put only non-perishable, paper products, grooming & cleaning supplies in the collection box in the church vestibule. If you have any fresh or frozen products then please drop off at the pantry Monday - Thursday from 9:30 AM until 12:00 noon.

The Saint Joseph's Prayer Group - Growing Each Week

Every Thursday at 8:00 PM

Everyone is welcome to attend at the church, or watch from home.

Last week over 70 people joined in for the live broadcast!

This prayer group, centered on praying the Rosary and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, began with the start of Lent, and will continue throughout the year. As 2021 is **The Year of Saint Joseph**, let us deepen our faith while being visible examples of what Catholics should strive to be. Praying in this manner is just one more way to answer the “*universal call to holiness*”. Come to the church, or pray with us online by using the ‘**Watch Mass Live**’ link located on the home page of the St. Edward Church’s website (www.st-edwards.org), or simply scan this QR code with your smartphone →



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Now more than every we need and appreciation your participation!

*The pandemic has substantially restricted many of our usual fundraising opportunities and **Crown Club** is an excellent way to help St. Edward's with the many ministries we have that help the people of the parish and community.*

We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity!

Complete and return the entry form along with your check by mail or at the rectory!

ST. EDWARD'S CROWN CLUB
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Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ ticket(s) in St. Edward's Crown Club.

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Good Luck and Thanks for Playing!



Harvest Houses

Residences for
Independent Seniors

MAKING A DIFFERENCE— PANDEMIC OR NO PANDEMIC!

We are celebrating Harvest Houses 35th Birthday!

Over 35 years ago we, the Sisters of St. Dominic, recognized the need for a completely new kind of living for independent elders. Today, we reflect on what we have learned about life from the more than 100 seniors who have lived in a Harvest House. And as we mark nearly one year since the Pandemic abruptly changed our lives, we've experienced a new reality. COVID-19, the "great revealer" threw us a new learning curve — *how do we respond to life in the midst of great adversity and challenges?*

Residents and staff came together during the 'lock-down', planning active days that would bring us enrichment, laughter and peace (we did have a few tumultuous days!) We became so involved in our daily activities that the months and weeks passed calmly and in comfort. Holiday and birthday celebrations with family (via Zoom or our front window) became a "happening" for everyone. We managed together to successfully plan our Easter dinner—now that was a challenge!

During the early days and months, we frequently heard from or called Senior friends whom we knew lived alone, to check on them. These calls saddened our hearts: "I am so lonely!" "I am frightened!" "What if I get sick?" However, as our residents adjusted to their 'new normal', we heard the following comments: "We are not afraid!" "We are together!" *And most importantly... "We feel safe and secure."*

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— from [The Village Effect](#) by Susan Pinka



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Contact via: grantdellanno64@gmail.com

**All proceeds go to Eagle Scout Project
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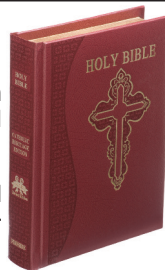
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