

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020 *Matthew 4:18-22*
St. Andrew, Apostle
 12:10pm Health of Maria Florencio & her unborn baby
 Pierre Montelus (Living)
 Deceased Members of Rigaud & Antoine Families

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020 *Luke 10:21-24*
 12:10pm Health of Maria Florencio & her unborn baby
 John Monahan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 *Matthew 15:29-37*
 12:10pm Health of Maria Florencio & her unborn baby

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020 *Matthew 7:21, 24-27*
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
 12:10pm Health of Maria Florencio & her unborn baby
 Eiffe, Soos & Cantwell Families
 Brian T. Burke
 Andre Moiseau

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020 *Matthew 9:27-31*
St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 12:10pm Health of Maria Florencio & her unborn baby
 Anthony Ferragamo (Anniversary in Heaven)
 Michael Persico

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020 *Matthew 9:35-10:1*
 5:00pm Health of Maria Florencio & her unborn baby
 Marion Mulligan
 Tom Yerou

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020 *Mark 1:1-8*
Second Sunday of Advent
 7:15am Alfred Pope
 9:00am Vincent McCauley, Sr.
 11:00am Anna & Michael Apollo
 Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary
 Lina Lombardi
 Serafina Morollo
 John & Marie Andriano
 Violeta & Salomon Marini
 Marianela Gascon
 1:00pm Health of Maria Florencio & her unborn baby
 Elvia de Solorzano
 Juan Camilo Villegas

Next Sunday's Liturgy-December 6

Readings for Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Consolation is on its way as the Lord fills in the valleys and levels the hills.

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14 The new heavens and new earth require us to become a new people.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 The baptism of repentance prepares us for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

FOCUS: Stay awake, for the day of the Lord is at hand.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Beginning the weekend of December 6th, our priests will be available to hear Confessions after **all weekend Masses** for 30 minutes following the 5pm, 7:15am, 9am, 11am and 1pm Mass.

This will continue throughout the Season of Advent.

St. Vincent de Paul Message

As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

Pantry Needs: Paper towel, toilet tissue, cereal, rice, beans, canned vegetables and fruit, pancake mix/syrup, oatmeal, coffee, tea, condiments, muffin/cake mix

Please remember the poor boxes as you leave Church today. These generous offerings help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul assist families in need in our own parish. Thank you!

Presider Schedule for Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 5
 5:00 pm Fr. David Regan

Sunday, December 6
 7:15 am Fr. Edmund Ani
 9:00 am Fr. David Regan
 11:00 am Fr. David Regan
 1:00 pm Fr. Fernando Echeverri

Presider Subject To change

The Season of Advent

HNM Parish Registration

If you or someone you know attends Mass regularly at Holy Name of Mary and is not a registered parishioner, we ask that you please come into the Parish Office and fill out a short Registration form. This will be helpful if you should need recommendation letters, certificates and, especially, sponsor certificates for Baptism or Confirmation. Registration is mandatory for these requests. All donations are recorded by your Church envelope that you receive in the mail.
Loose checks will not be recorded.

Parish School Registration

Join in the Spirit at Holy Name of Mary School, an AdvancEd Accredited School. To register your child for Nursery (full day, age 3), Pre-K (full day, age 4), Kindergarten (full day, age 5) or Grade 1 through 8, contact our School Office to make an appointment at 516-825-4009, or visit www.hnomschool.org for registration materials and details. Before and after school care is available for all registered students. Follow Holy Name of Mary School on Instagram and Facebook @ hnomschoolvalleystream.

Parish Information

Mass Schedule: *(subject to change)*

Monday through Friday, 12:10pm; Saturday, 5:00pm
Sunday, 7:15am, 9:00am and 11:00am
1:00pm (in Spanish)

Confessions:

Saturday, 3:30pm-4:30pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm
(Closed Friday), Saturday & Sunday, 9am-1pm

Parish Outreach

Call for appointment, 516-825-0177

Faith Direct

The best way to ensure our parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries is with eGiving through *Faith Direct!* Please enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our Church code, NY78.

Baptism Restrictions

Because of the restrictions due to COVID-19, we can only schedule five Baptisms at a time. Baptisms in English are scheduled for the second & fourth Sunday of every month. Please call the Parish Office for available dates. The dates for Baptisms in Spanish are; December 26, January 9 and January 16.

Remember in Prayer

All Those Who Are Sick

Father of Goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Louis Adduci, Harry Beket, Pura Chen
Facundo Damo, Nenita Davadilla
Anthony Ippolito, Tomas Leong
Kevin Lynch, Edith Wilson

All Those Who Have Died

For the souls of the faithful departed, may they be Received into the eternal life and peace of heaven.

Catherine J. Edel, Donna Gill, Daniel D. Dysart, Jr.
Michael F. Persico, John M. Williams
Gennaro Vasaturo

Safety During Covid

- *Stay at home if you don't feel well or have symptoms
- *Masks must be worn by all present**
- *Sanitize your hands when you enter & leave the Church
- *Keep social distancing in the pews, as indicated by the blue tape, on the Communion line & when you exit.
Please do not remove any tape to make space to sit.
- *Bathrooms will be locked. All hymnals have been removed. Holy water fonts are not available.
- *Please hold your hand out FLAT when receiving Communion. **As per Diocesan directives, you must not wear gloves.** Keep your face covering ON until right before you receive, then immediately put it back on after receiving Communion.
If you must receive by mouth, wait till the end of the line. The priest will sanitize his hands after each person.
- *There are collection boxes placed in the main aisle where you can place your donation.
- *The Church will be sanitized daily at 2pm and after each weekend Mass.

From the desk of Fr. David Regan

There was a Jewish scholar who, around the time of the birth of our Lord, compiled a list of all the prophecies in regard to the long-awaited Messiah of the Jewish people. As he laid them out, he realized that there were 456 prophecies pertaining to the Messiah. In doing research, he figured that the chance of any one prophecy coming true was 1 in 100. If two, then 1 in a thousand, if three, then 1 in ten thousand. The number went up and up. He eventually found that the chances of all the prophecies coming true at that time was 1 in the trillions and trillions.

We read in Galatians 4:4 that in the "...fullness of time, God sent His only Son..." What does that mean? It means that the time was right. Nature was yearning, hearts were yearning, all of creation was groaning for a redeemer.

The time was right. All the prophecies, despite a mathematical impossibility, came true through the Incarnation and birth of our Lord. As glorious as all this was, the saddest line in all of scripture comes forward in the Nativity narrative of the Gospel of Luke 2:7, "...because there was no room for him in the Inn." What a sad commentary. An inn was a place where business was conducted. A person would go there and promote themselves. If a person had money and connections they could get a room. It was the one place that did not have room for our Lord.

The only place where our Lord could find room was a manger. A manger was a place where animals were fed and kept. The only way to get in or out was to bow or even crawl in.

The only people who came to visit the Lord in the manger were magi and shepherds. Magi were those who knew that they did not know everything. While shepherds knew that they were nobodies according to society. These are the first people to see Jesus.

There is room in our hearts for Him when we exercise the virtue of humility. Humility is the virtue by which we see ourselves for what and where we really are. And where are we? We are in a time and place both personally and communally that needs Him: His light, His truth, His healing, His joy!

This Advent season we are invited to pray for an increase of the virtue of humility so that we can always be ready to bow and see the Lord wherever - whenever He appears to us. All the saints who have gone before us radiated with humility and obedience, we pray that like them, we can see ourselves for what we really are and never be afraid to make more room in our lives and hearts.


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In the School News

Holy Name of Mary School

2020 – 2021 School Year

NOVEMBER



Our students collected food for the parish pantry. These items will help restock the shelves after Thanksgiving. Faith Formation, Academic Excellence and Service are at the heart of a Catholic Education and here at Holy Name of Mary we embody these virtues.

A few highlights from November:

Our 8th grade students took the Catholic High School Entrance Exam (TACHS). They were well prepared and like past students, will go on to excel in one of our Catholic High Schools.

Last year's graduating class received the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless and guide them.

This year's 8th graders received their pins, an outward sign that they are now the leaders of our student body.

- Holy Name of Mary School serves students in grades Nursery (age 3) through grade 8.
- We have met and continue to exceed the safety protocols set forth by the New York State Department of Health and the CDC.
- Our school offers full day in-person instruction as well as remote instruction.
- If you are interested in finding out more about Holy Name of Mary School, please call 516-825-4009.

"Shoveling For Seniors"

The winter weather is fast approaching and we realize that some of our elderly parishioners are physically unable to shovel snow from their own walkways. Family Life Ministry has volunteers who are available and willing to do the work for you!

If you are interested in this service, please contact Renee Socci @ 516-426-2946.

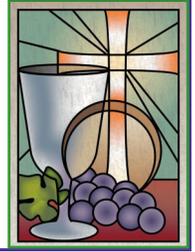
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FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



Msgr. Mulligan Memorial

Bread & Wine

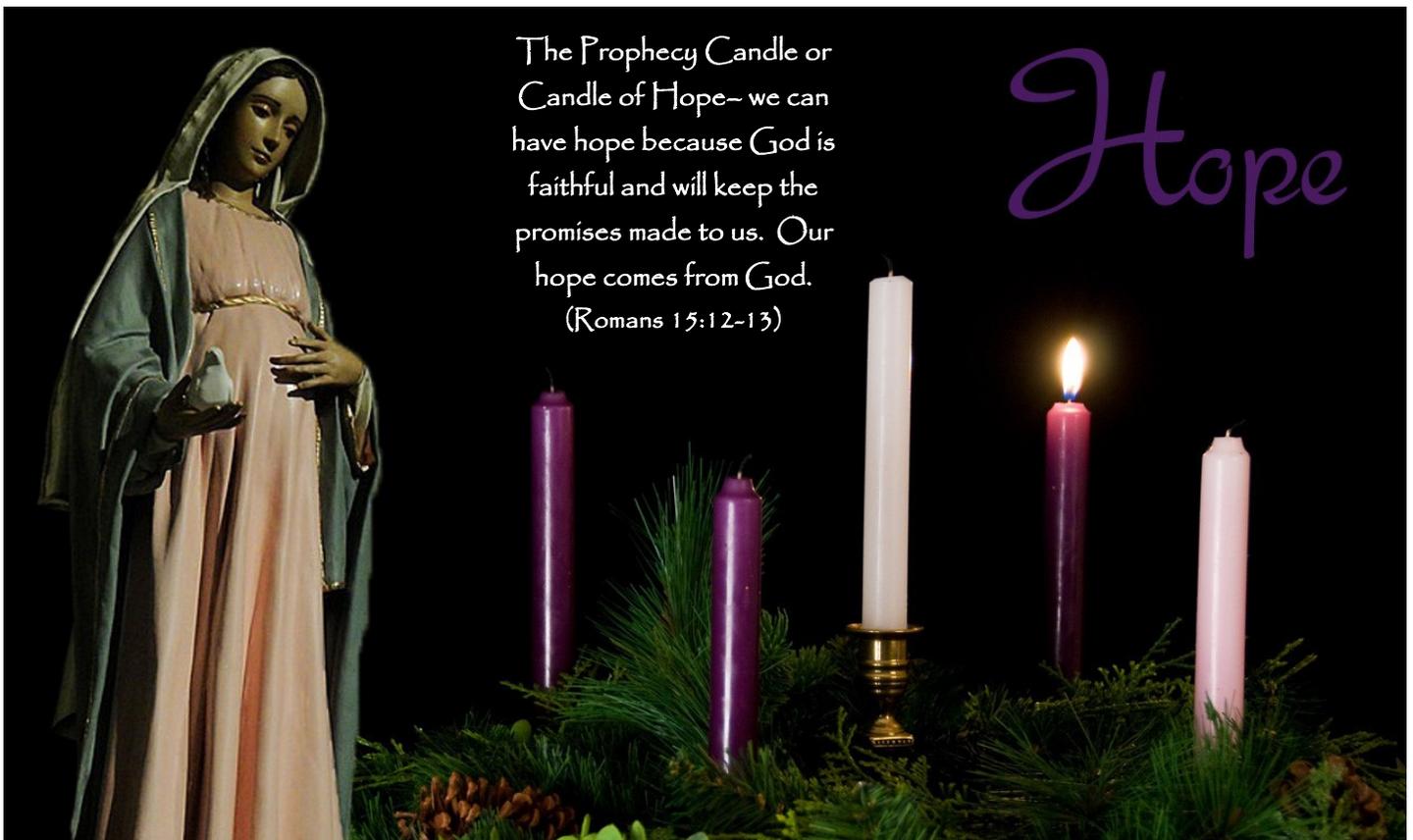
*In Loving Memory of our father
Tony Ferragamo
Love Daughters, Grace & Mary*



NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Beginning December 1st, read one chapter of The Book of Luke in the Bible each evening. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus's Life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!

First Sunday of Advent



The Prophecy Candle or Candle of Hope- we can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God.
(Romans 15:12-13)

Hope

ADVENT CALENDAR 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>November 29</p> <p>Buy or make an Advent wreath, light the first violet candle each night this week. Read Mark 13:33-37</p>	<p>November 30</p> <p>Advent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a prayer anytime you have to wait during Advent.</p>	<p>December 1</p> <p>The presence of Jesus reminds us to hope in God's mercy. Make a list of reasons for your hope today.</p>	<p>December 2</p> <p>Set up your Nativity scene. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.</p>	<p>December 3</p> <p>Pick up one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent.</p>	<p>December 4</p> <p>Add 20 minutes of daily prayer during Advent. Set an alarm to remind you to pray for 10 minutes each morning and night this month.</p>	<p>December 5</p> <p>Perform an examination of conscience today. Then go to Confession to get ready to greet the Savior.</p>
<p>December 6</p> <p>Light two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sit in silence & enjoy the quiet. Read Mark 1:1-8</p>	<p>December 7</p> <p>St. Nicholas was a generous man and a courageous bishop. Today, make one generous act of love in his honor.</p>	<p>December 8</p> <p>The Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's freedom from Original Sin. Attend or stream Mass and pray a Rosary.</p>	<p>December 9</p> <p>Today, let nothing discourage you in honor of St. Juan Diego. He never gave up, placing his trust in Jesus and His mother.</p>	<p>December 10</p> <p>In your Christmas cards write a note about the blessings you received this year as a witness to God's love.</p>	<p>December 11</p> <p>In gratitude that God provides for your needs, set aside gently used clothing and donate it to the poor.</p>	<p>December 12</p> <p>To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.</p>
<p>December 13</p> <p>Today is Gaudete Sunday-halfway point of Advent. Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Read John 1:6-8, 19-28</p>	<p>December 14</p> <p>Spend time in silence today. Say "no" to unnecessary distractions. In silence and peace, you will be open to God's will.</p>	<p>December 15</p> <p>Think of Biblical accounts of God's mercy to sinners. Ask forgiveness from someone you have hurt and forgive those who wronged you.</p>	<p>December 16</p> <p>In honor of Las Posadas remembering the Holy Family's trek to Bethlehem, pray for those who have been forced from their homes.</p>	<p>December 17</p> <p>Send a card to someone who lost a loved one in the last year. Offer your thoughts and prayers for healing and comfort.</p>	<p>December 18</p> <p>Pray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.</p>	<p>December 19</p> <p>Make time to feed the hungry. Not only those hungry for food, but also those hungry for kindness.</p>
<p>December 20</p> <p>Light all four candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Read Luke 1:26-38</p>	<p>December 21</p> <p>This can be a sad time for those who are alone, especially in a pandemic. Pray for anyone you know who will be alone on Christmas.</p>	<p>December 22</p> <p>As a gift to the coming Savior, repair a relationship with a friend or relative that needs healing.</p>	<p>December 23</p> <p>Make an effort to share God's love today. Say a kind word or listen with compassion to someone who is suffering.</p>	<p>December 24</p> <p>Even if you live alone, put up and decorate a Christmas tree. Light it as a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World.</p>	<p>December 25</p> <p>Rejoice! Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20 and meditate on each miraculous detail. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when He comes again.</p> 	



A Covid Christmas

Each year our parish collects gifts for people in need in our community. These gifts are carefully sorted and distributed by a huge number of Volunteers in the weeks before Christmas. Those who receive the gifts are always so very grateful and we are humbled by their expressions of THANKS.

This year, because of COVID, we needed to make a dramatic change in our Christmas Gifts Program. Because we cannot maintain social distancing and other safety precautions in the sorting and distribution process, we needed to make a difficult decision regarding THIS Christmas.

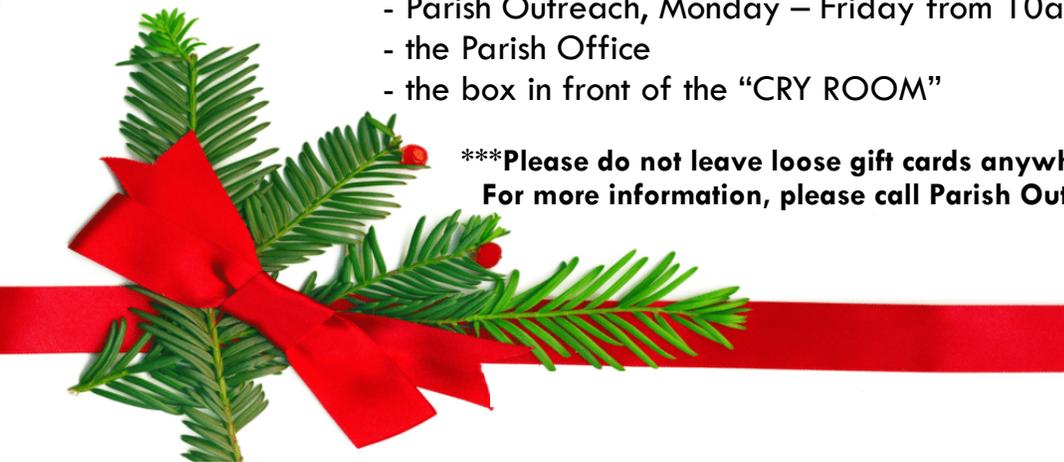
Though GIFT CARDS may not seem very personal, they will allow for a safe distribution and our clients will be able to make choices that will be the best for them.

We hope that many of our parishioners will consider helping us by getting **GIFT CARDS** in **ANY DENOMINATION**. The most helpful stores are Target, Walmart, Old Navy, the Children's Place and Sears.

If you wish to participate in our gift program, please do the following:

1. Purchase the gift cards
2. Put them in an envelope or a box and write PARISH OUTREACH on the front
3. Return them to
 - Parish Outreach, Monday – Friday from 10am-5pm.
 - the Parish Office
 - the box in front of the “CRY ROOM”

*****Please do not leave loose gift cards anywhere around the church!
For more information, please call Parish Outreach at 516-825-0177.**



PENITENTIAL ACT

**I confess to almighty God
And to you, my brothers and sisters,
That I have greatly sinned,
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done and
In what I have failed to do,**

(Pray while striking the breast three times)

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
All the Angels and Saints,
And you, my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.**

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

*(At the words that follow, up to and including
and became man, bow your head)*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins, and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Background Screening Update***The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:***

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
3. Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals.
volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. ***Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.*** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org;
pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.