

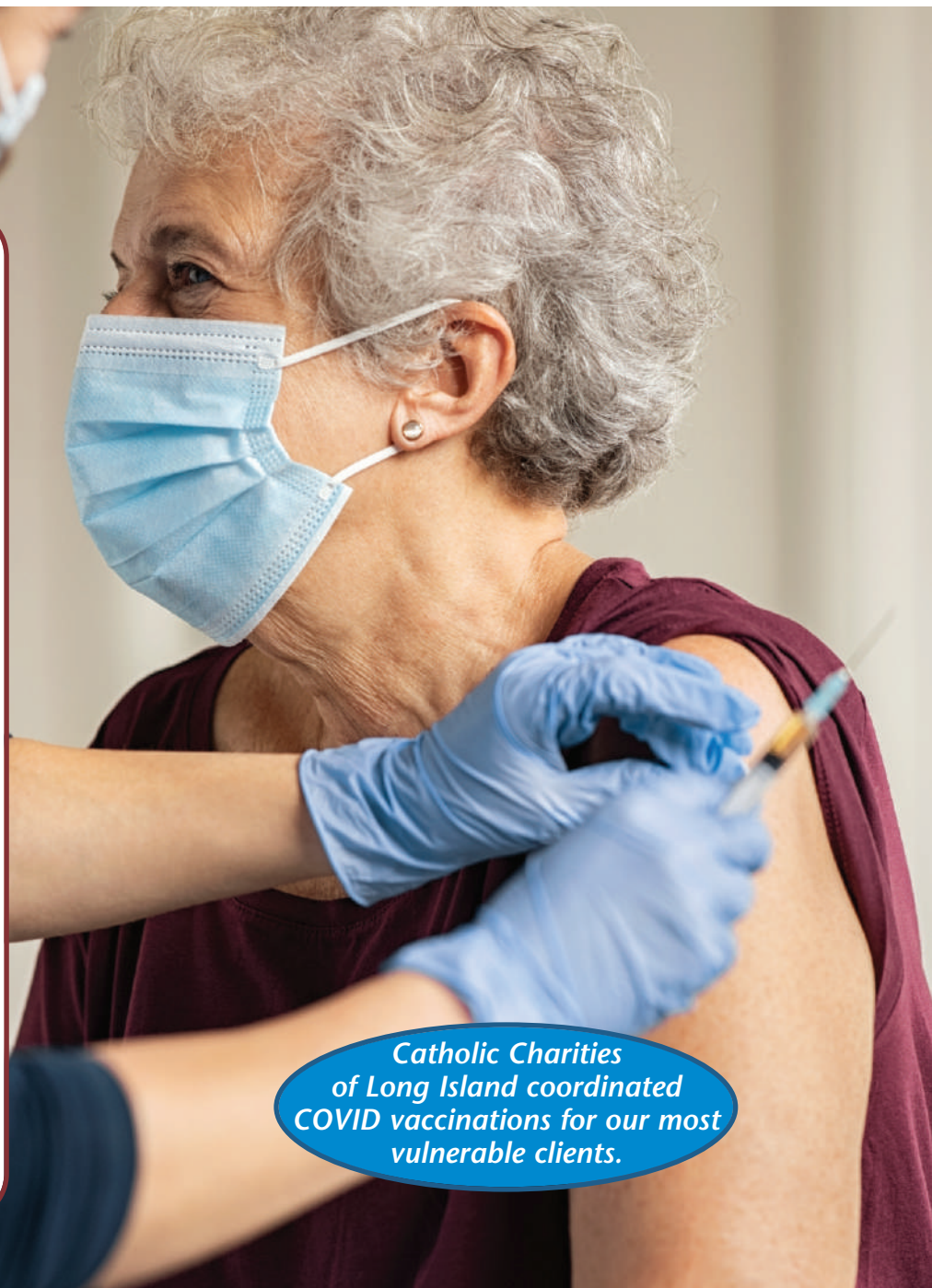
In 2020, Catholic Charities of Long Island provided more than 1.3 million, face-to-face services to 40,069 neighbors. Here's what you made possible:

**They Will Know Us  
By Our Love**

- Addiction Treatment Services\* .....**1,870** served
- Food and Nutrition .....**7,669** served
- Housing\* .....**3,759** served
- Immigrant Services/  
Refugee Resettlement ...**16,065** served
- Mental Health  
Outpatient Services.....**2,573** served
- Mental Health  
Residential Services\* .....**332** served
- Parish Social Ministry\*\* ...**3,403** served
- Regina Maternity Services\* ...**75** served
- Residential Services for  
People With Developmental  
Disabilities\* .....**107** served
- Senior Services.....**4,216** served

\*Many participants in these programs receive round-the-clock, residential care.

\*\*The Parish Social Ministry staff also supported parish programs that serve people in their local communities by holding trainings and conferences that were attended by 3,399 people.



Catholic Charities  
of Long Island coordinated  
COVID vaccinations for our most  
vulnerable clients.

# Spring and Summer Snapshots:



They caught a few big ones! Residents from our homes for the developmentally disabled enjoyed an early summer fishing trip with the Knights of Columbus.



Get the popcorn! It's movie night at our senior housing sites.



Thanks to our friends at Love On a Leash Therapy Dogs, Long Island Chapter for brightening the days of our seniors and developmentally disabled residents.



Every year our Meals on Wheels team collects and delivers beautiful spring flowers to more than 200 seniors in Nassau and Suffolk Counties! After the pandemic, their beautiful smiles were all the thanks we needed.



Namaste...Meet the "chair yoga" class at our Catholic Charities Oceanside Senior Community Center.



The Molloy College Community Care Mobile Clinic hosted the "Summer Fit WIC 2021" event for our Women, Infants and Children program.



'Louie the Rabbit' pays a visit to our beloved seniors at Mary's Manor.



CCLI staffers Dana and Lynn help serve up food and love at our Midsummer BBQ at Thea Bowman Residence, our affordable housing for people with physical disabilities.



The Pink Ladies and T-Birds at our Bishop Ryan Residence had a blast at their 1950's Sock Hop! Scan the Q-code with your smart phone and watch them cut the rug!



# From Our Mailbag



## The Thanks Belong to You!

Dear Catholic Charities,  
Another month has come and gone, but once again I am thanking you for providing meals for me. You are truly a life-saver. The past year and a half has been extremely difficult for me and any assistance is so greatly appreciated. I only wish I was financially able to afford to pay in full for my meals but living on an SS check is quite challenging to say the least. Never did I think I would be in a situation of need. But as they say... "never say never." And yes, again, thank you to Rob who delivers my meals. He is such a nice young man!

Thank you, **CM—Nassau County  
Meals on Wheels Recipient**

Dear Catholic Charities,  
This gift to your organization is sent in our appreciation of the kindness and compassion shown to my sister Helen for a number of years. She died in her home in peace in November last year. I believe her ability to remain in her home during her final years was due in measurable extent to your Meals on Wheels program.

Thank you! **Anonymous**

## Fidelity

My Dear Friend,

**F**idelity is an old-fashioned word. People rarely use it anymore. But as my husband and I just celebrated our 41st wedding anniversary, I got to thinking about what makes a good marriage tick.

Obviously, love tops the list and humor, patience, and forgiveness are important too. But fidelity often gets overlooked—the selfless loyalty needed to honor commitments day after day, year after year.

Fidelity isn't just a commandment against adultery—it's a call to love fully, just as Christ loves. And Pope Francis tells us it's for every vocation, not just marriage. Those who defend our country know it well. The motto of the Marines—"Semper Parati"—proudly proclaims this love and loyalty to our country. But fidelity is needed ANYWHERE and EVERYWHERE there is love,

**because loving is hard work and it is fidelity that keeps us doing it.**

Whether it's God, country, children, parents, or neighbors, God gives us the ability to love all of them with our whole heart. You just have to keep CHOOSING to love each and every day.

Unfortunately, our world pursues change so relentlessly that we've diminished this virtue. Don't like your partner? Get a quickie divorce. Don't like history? Rewrite it. Unhappy with your biological sex? Identify as something else. It seems that in our unyielding quest for something better, we may have forgotten how to appreciate what we already have.

But at Catholic Charities, things haven't changed.

I've been part of this Catholic Charities family for nearly 34 years and while very different than my marriage, my whole heart is here, too. Just like every other staff person and volunteer who shares this ministry, we fully embrace the call to love our neighbor, even when it's difficult or inconvenient. In fact, it's when things seem darkest that people across Long Island turn to us—because they know our love is given wholeheartedly. They recognize our fidelity.

So this is my promise to you: Catholic Charities of Long Island will remain faithful to our mission, the mission of Jesus—that we will love and faithfully serve everyone regardless of their faith or background—and that we will continue to do so as long as God bestows us with strength and the grace of your support. In that light,

**will you please use the enclosed envelope to make a gift today?**

Because Long Island still needs you.

With sincere gratitude,

**Laura A. Cassell,**  
CEO, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Rockville Centre



**"Do not let  
love and fidelity  
forsake you; bind  
them around your neck;  
write them on the tablet  
of your heart."**

**Proverbs 3:3**

*"I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets..."*  
—Pope Francis



## Responding

*Our heartfelt thanks to these friends.*

Our heartfelt thanks to our friends at **Catholic Charities USA** for their recent grant of \$250,000. We rely on our partnership with them to help better the lives of thousands of neighbors right here on Long Island.



We celebrate our fantastic volunteers at **Greenman-Pedersen Engineering Babylon**. From vegetable growing to arts and crafts, their dedication to helping our developmentally disabled lead richer and fuller lives has earned our sincere admiration.

On behalf of the thousands she helped us serve, our thanks and love to 18-year employee, **Loretta Tillar**, as she retires from Catholic Charities.

**Make automated, monthly, secure credit card donations with one call to (516) 733-7042. No size gift is too small. Giving couldn't be easier!**

## Leave a Legacy



*"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is NOW."*

Call (516) 733-7042 and find out how easy it is to add Catholic Charities to your will or estate and leave a legacy of your own.

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