

## Welcome to Worship

June 7, 2020

### Preparation for Worship

Enter his gates with *thanksgiving*,  
and his courts with *praise*!

Give *thanks* to him; *bless his name*!

**Psalm 100:4 (ESV)**

### Opening Prayer & Worship

Pastor Nick & Tiffany Lorusso

### The Message

*God Is Present...*

### *God of the Heart*

Pastor Vin

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and  
with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your  
neighbor as yourself.”

**Matthew 22:37 & 39 (ESV)**

You must each decide in your heart how much to give.  
And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.

“For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”

**2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)**

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Operation Christmas Child ~ June  
Tennis Balls / Stuffed Animals

Please continue to collect gifts in anticipation for  
when we're all reunited!

*Sunday's Messages are available on our Web Site*  
[www.patchnaz.net](http://www.patchnaz.net)

## Distinguished

Some people are born with a *distinguishing mark* on their  
bodies, a birthmark. It could be a discoloration of the skin or  
a mole. I've heard them referred to as a "beauty mark." Some  
have such marks removed, while others wear them proudly.  
There are distinguishing marks in a person's life that lie deep  
beneath the surface of our skin.

The marks I refer to are that of our **character**. Some serve  
us well, while others not so much. Each of us knows the  
difference.

A compliment often flags such attributes as generosity,  
kindness, and compassion. There's something special - a  
blessing - when another acknowledges it.

*Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a  
stranger, and not your own lips.* Proverbs 27:2

However, other distinguishing marks are less  
complimentary. In a blog by Todd Smith, entitled, Your  
Words Reflect Your Character, under the subtitle Your  
Words Are a Mirror he writes:

*"What we say about others reflects on our character.  
Specifically, when we speak unfavorably of others, it not  
only hurts the person our words are aimed at, but it also  
damages our credibility and reputation in the process."*

The Bible teaches that God's Word is like a mirror, which  
reflects what is or isn't in our hearts. (James 1:23-24)

[If] we get in front of the "mirror," we will find some  
distinguishing marks that are *beautiful* and others that  
should be *surgically removed*. However, we will see neither  
unless we stand before the Mirror.

God bless you!

Pastor Vin

Please take the time to read an important message on page below from our  
District Superintendent— Rev. Dr. Samuel Vassel.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray as the LORD paves a **new**  
way, that we may become **aware**  
of **His path** before us!

**Continue to pray** for the protection  
of all frontline essential personal.

**Continue to pray** for our state and  
all federal leaders; for wisdom,  
honesty, purity, and bipartisan care  
and cooperation for the nation and its  
people.

### BATTLING C-19

#### (LINGUIST FRIENDS)

Fran Mahoney 79

Belluomo Family **RECOVERED**

Kelly – mother

David 15 – son

Gabrielle 10 – daughter

Ray Rivera – **RECOVERED**

Coleen & Steve Sohomer's

#### (FASANO FRIENDS)

Ann Salvi: **RECOVERING** at  
home!

### COMFORT IN LOSS

Alan Mueller - for the loss of his  
brother Roy.

Matthew Boutsikos - for the loss of  
his father Panos.

For husband Tom & son Lt. Dan, for  
the loss of wife & mother Rita.  
(Pastor Vinnie's neighbor)

Joyce Barci - for the loss of her  
brother Bob. (Aunt of Meloni Inniss)

Jill Iarocci & Family - for the loss  
of Michael Iarocci.

Felicia & Bob Bier - for the loss of  
Uncle Mike.

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Prayer requests continue below

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### Ongoing Needs:

Baby **Jacques-Pascal** - at home with family and has been stable.

Please continue to pray for a complete recovery.

**Emily McKeever** - Continue to pray for her sight.

**Eva Sanchez** - Evelyn Cortes' Mom - In nursing facility and cannot see family.

Evelyn's son **Joseph** - Found housing, but needs work, and is depressed.

**Dan Acevedo** - Will need more surgery.

**Dan Vargas** - Doing well.

**Diane Perez Miller** (Lou Bastone's friend) - Stage 5 Kidney failure.

**Margaret Vazquez** - On dialysis and needs a kidney. (Linguiti Friend)

**Camille LaRosa** - Monday group - Needs Knee Replacement Surgery.

**Lou Bastone** – Upcoming surgery for Macular Degeneration

– Sarcoidosis - Pulmonary disease.

**MaryAnn Mavridis** - Strengthening.

**Lorenzo Rosario** - Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis.

**Danielle Neff** - Diagnosed with MS.

**Mary Coyles** - Affinity Nursing Center. Pneumonia improving.

**Mary Coccia** - Permanent residence in Nursing facility.

**Vilma** - Evelyn Cortes' niece - Parkinson's disease, but still able to work.

### Those dealing with Cancer:

**Pat Fordham** - Strength for treatments.

**Lorraine Kemmer** - Malignant brain tumor-doing well; continue to pray.

**Katherine Kemmer** “grandma” diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

**Michele Cassino** - Urgent prayer - Aggressive cancer.

**Raul Perez** - Blanca's Brother - Lung cancer - Doing better. Please continue to pray.

**Anthony Bastone** (Lou's brother) - Throat cancer - radiation and chemo.

### All service men and women:

Marines (**Patrick Fitzgerald**)

Coast Guard (**Haley Stone**)

Navy (**Jonah Thomas, Anthony Ruiz**)

Air Force (**Grace Butler** - Al Udeid Air Force Base until 2020)

### Our Church's Ministries:

Worship Ministry, Men and Women Ministries, Young Adult,

Teen, and Children's Ministries, Evangelism.

Marriages/Families/Un-saved loved ones /Orphans/Poor

Nazarene Missionaries & Persecuted Church –

Local and Global Missions - Nazarene Colleges.

**Local:** Fire Departments/Law Enforcement.

## Important Message from our District Superintendent— Rev. Dr. Samuel Vassel

The Metro New York District of the Church of the Nazarene laments the recurrent racism toward individuals and communities that reflect a painful historic reality in this country for many generations and persists relatively unchecked to the present. We are particularly grieved by the recent brutal and unjustified killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor. We weep with their families and groan with the psalmist “how long, O Lord, how long?” How many more acts of deadly violence must be recorded before we confess that there is a pattern in evidence here, which does not value the lives of the slaughtered as being “made in the image and likeness of God”? We raise our voices and mingle our tears with those who cry out that these “Black lives matter”. Like Job our “groans pour out like water” (Job 3:24). And we lament; “How long, O Lord, how long?”

We stand firmly, prayerfully and practically with the following statement of our Church's Manual which clearly denounces racism and all forms of racial discrimination. We stand committed to Christ's Kingdom and its mission of repentance, redemption and reconciliation so we pray with the prophet “...let Justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a never-failing stream” (Amos 5:24).

“The Church of the Nazarene reiterates its historic position of Christian compassion for people of all races. We believe that God is the Creator of all people, and that of one blood are all people created.”

“We believe that each individual, regardless of race, color, gender, or creed, should have equality before law, including the right to vote, equal access to educational opportunities, to all public facilities, and to the equal opportunity, according to one's ability, to earn a living free from any job or economic discrimination.”

“We urge our churches everywhere to continue and strengthen programs of education to promote racial understanding and harmony. We also feel that the scriptural admonition of Hebrews 12:14 should guide the actions of our people. We urge that each member of the Church of the Nazarene humbly examine his or her personal attitudes and actions toward others, as a first step in achieving the Christian goal of full participation by all in the life of the church and the entire community.”

“We reemphasize our belief that holiness of heart and life is the basis for right living. We believe that Christian charity between racial groups or gender will come when the hearts of people have been changed by complete submission to Jesus Christ, and that the essence of true Christianity consists in loving God with one's heart, soul, mind, and strength, and one's neighbor as oneself.”

“Therefore, we renounce any form of racial and ethnic indifference, exclusion, subjugation, or oppression as a gray sin against God and our fellow human beings. We lament the legacy of every form of racism throughout the world, and we seek to confront that legacy through repentance, reconciliation, and biblical justice. We seek to repent of every behavior in which we have been overtly or covertly complicit with the sin of racism, both past and present; and in confession and lament we seek forgiveness and reconciliation.”

“Further, we acknowledge that there is no reconciliation apart from human struggle to stand against and to overcome all personal, institutional and structural prejudice responsible for racial and ethnic humiliation and oppression. We call upon Nazarenes everywhere to identify and seek to remove acts and structures of prejudice, to facilitate occasions for seeking forgiveness and reconciliation, and to take action toward empowering those who have been marginalized.” (2017-21 Manual, Church of the Nazarene)

## Urgent Need

Urgent need for immediate housing; a two 2-bedroom apartment, for rent, in the Patchogue-Medford school district.

Please contact Pastor Vinnie with information.

Thank you