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SPECIAL KIDS SPRING BREAK QUARANTINE EDITION VOLUME 2!



The Thorn, The Rose, and The Bud

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As the first week of quarantine ends and a new one begins, I feel both a sense of pain and joy. Pain because I miss seeing my friends, going outside to nature, my most likely cancelled school musical, summer university study programs, and my sixteenth birthday party. However, I feel joy because I have been given the opportunity to see the best in myself and in the people around me. I am staying home not because I am being forced to, but I know that by ignoring the rules I would be putting others in harm's way. I have had really great bonding time with my family and learned a lot of things about cooking, cleaning, and taking care of my younger siblings. I have also learned about #virtualvolunteerism and how I can make a difference at home by connecting people with items they need, and by using social media to call attention to problems and reaching a wide audience of people who can help.

I've found that my mixed feelings of sadness and happiness can also apply to the situation in the world at large. It breaks my heart knowing that so many people are sick and some who remain unaware. It hurts that I know some people are panic buying and hoarding food which leaves those less fortunate without any. For the doctors and nurses that don't have enough masks, and that people in Italy don't have enough hospital beds or respirators. However, the happiness and optimism I feel about the good aspects is what I strive to focus on and put all my energy into amplifying. I am amazed and inspired by the doctors, nurses, delivery people, and volunteers who are putting themselves in harm's way to save lives. If we are fighting a war against this virus, these are our soldiers and our heroes. I am

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Apple says it's **OK** to use a Clorox or similar wipe.

DON'T use alcohol or a paper towel. **SOFT** cloths only.



love wins

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filled with joy when I hear of the people who continue to run the homeless shelters and the food pantries, Like Robin Klueber at Ascension. By opening her doors to those experiencing homelessness three nights last weekend and worked for hours with a skeleton crew of volunteers to give out pre-bagged groceries to families when most of the other food pantries in the city have closed down. I recognize that these families were filled with fear and uncertainty about each coming day well before the coronavirus, and now they need our help more than ever. On the more positive side, knowing that people in cities in China are seeing blue skies for the first time in decades since the factories stopped, and that the canals in Venice are once again clear and teeming with fish after only a short time of humans slowing down our pace gives me hope for the future. Of course, I wish the spread of coronavirus never happened, but I can't help but feel that there is a deeper meaning where we can find the best in ourselves and in others.

Follow Saint Patrick's Warriors on Instagram! @warrioryouthnyc

Nellie Fitzpatrick (14, Convent of the Sacred Heart) is heading the BRACELET COMMITTEE for OPERATION GRATITUDE. Sabrina Turner (16, Marymount School of New York) and Alessia Turner (14, The Chapin School) are also on board to help. These teens are leading the charge to get people involved making handcrafted paracord bracelets for care packages going out to New York's First Responders. Not only do these bracelets look cool, they can actually be used to save lives in emergency situations. Among other uses, they can be used for slings/splints or cut open to remove the 7-9 individual inner nylon strands to be used for emergency sutures.



You can purchase the cord in bundles of 5 by visiting Operation Gratitude's eBay site, or you can message @opgratitude directly to order 100 or more paracords for your family and friends. <https://www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks/paracord-bracelets/>

Operation Gratitude's commitment is to say "Thank You" to all who serve and the message remains strong and clear - They can't stop, so we won't stop! The response to COVID-19 is a call to action for #VirtualVolunteerism.



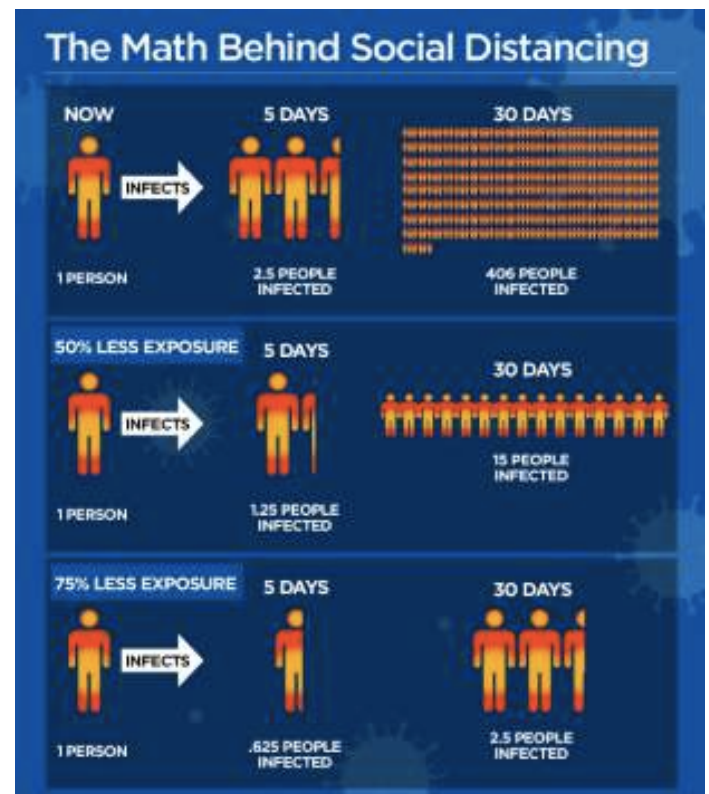


HEALTHY INFORMATION!



Wow, you really can
MAKE A DIFFERENCE in your
 community and around the world
 with **SIMPLE SOCIAL DISTANCING**
 - stay with your family,
 and speak to your friends online
 and on the phone.

This math is much easier than
 algebra ;)



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What You Need To Know About COVID-19

SOCIAL DISTANCING

What does it mean and why is it important? Social Distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases. Social Distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and cancelling events.

| AVOID | USE CAUTION | SAFE TO DO |
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| GROUP GATHERINGS SLEEP OVERS PLAY DATES CONCERTS THEATRE OUTINGS ATHLETIC EVENTS CROWDED STORES MALLS BARS & RESTAURANTS NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL PLAYGROUNDS | VISITING A GROCERY STORE PICKING UP MEDICATIONS PLAYING TENNIS IN A PARK ESSENTIAL TRAVEL PICK UP & DELIVERY OF FOOD VISITORS IN YOUR HOME MASS TRANSIT | TAKE A WALK GO FOR A HIKE YARD WORK PLAY IN YOUR YARD CLEAN OUT CLOSET READ A GOOD BOOK LISTEN TO MUSIC COOK A MEAL FAMILY GAME NIGHT GO FOR A DRIVE GROUP VIDEO CHATS STREAM A SHOW CALL OR TEXT A FRIEND CALL OR TEXT AN ELDERLY NEIGHBOR |

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It might feel like
 there's nothing to do,
 but this simple graph actually
 shows there are
SO MANY things
 that are **SAFE TO DO** - more safe
 things than things to avoid!

WHAT A RELIEF! :)

PUTTING CHARITY IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Did you stock up on Clorox wipes and may have a tub to spare for those in desperate need?

The Ascension Church Food Pantry **NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

They are one of the few neighborhood pantries open (documented with the NY Food Bank/Plentiful), and received many donations from local restaurants and schools who gave fresh produce last week, as they were closing. Now they are running their pantry weekly instead of monthly.

Darned in protective gear, keeping guests 6 feet apart in line, keeping every surface disinfected, just 5 volunteers opened "off calendar" and had an overwhelming response this past Saturday.

They are able to help so many families in our community. **NOW YOU CAN TOO!**

The pantry is looking for the following items:

Canned soups, vegetables, pasta sauce, tuna, canned chicken,
canned beans, canned chili, canned fruit and fruit juice

- Boxed milk, cereal, pasta, mac and cheese, rice mixes

- Bagged, dry: rice, noodles, dry beans

Other: peanut butter and jelly, cookies, crackers, other 'treats'



Please deliver to:

Robin Klueber, Director
Ascension Church Food Pantry
221 West 107th Street
New York, NY 10025



Jennifer Chapman, a tailor for the movie and television industry in New York City, is part of a group of fellow union members who have been in touch with Governor Cuomo's office about sewing medical masks for the many hospitals in need. They're working to get the proper filtration fabric now. A couple of people have contacts in the garment industry who have access to laser cutters, so as Jennifer tells us they're "hoping to crank them out at a mass production rate." They're trying to get up and running in the next few days! We will keep you posted on progress! People using their talent and skills to help people in need is a great blessing indeed!





RAINBOW CONNECTION!!!!

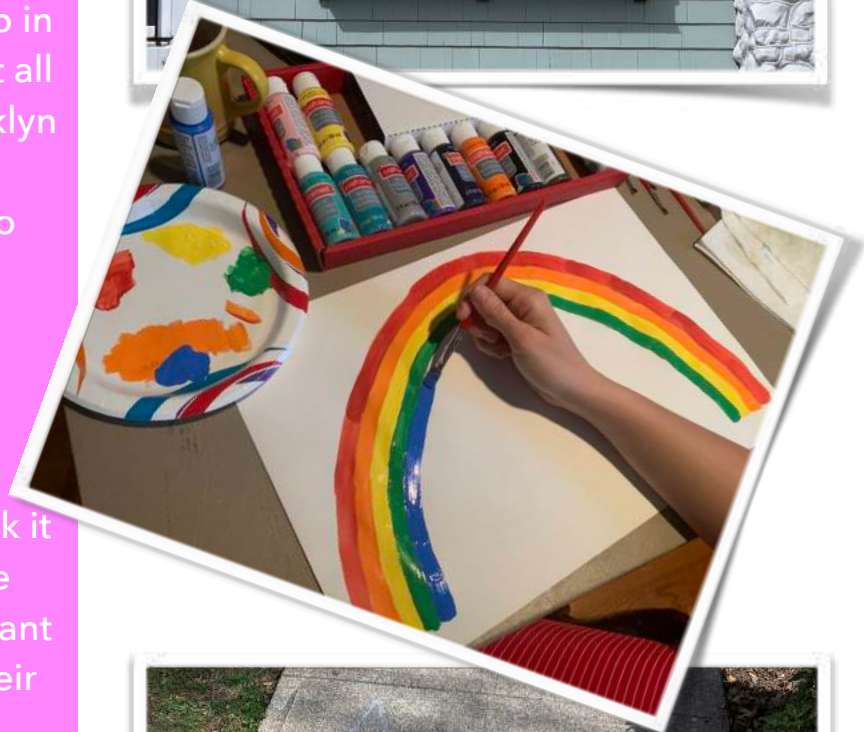


Have you seen a rainbow today?

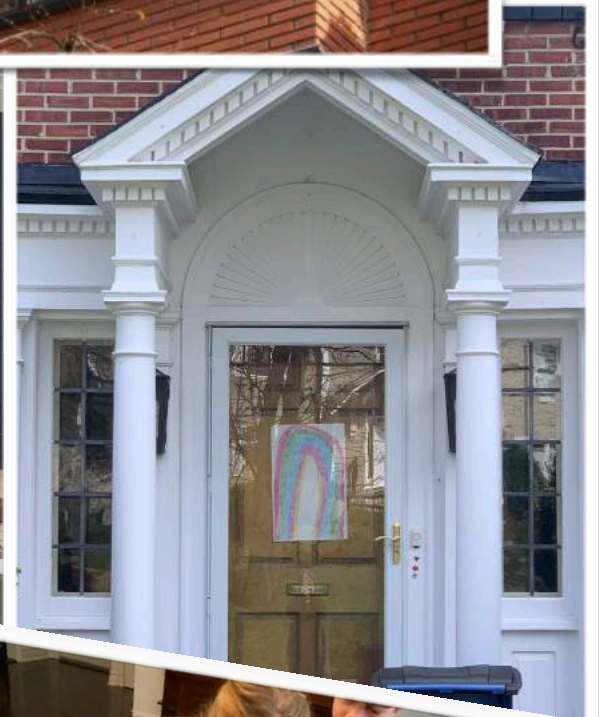
One of the activities I think we're all thankful we can partake in these days is enjoying the sunny spring weather with a walk outside, keeping safe and avoiding crowded areas. I don't know about you, but I've been noticing rainbows everywhere I go, and I wanted to learn more about why they were showing up in my neighbors windows. Turns out that all over the state of New York, from Brooklyn to Albany to Suffolk County, kids and families have been making rainbows to hang in doors or windows, or drawing chalk rainbows on sidewalks and driveways.

After doing research I think the trend began in many places, some even think it originated in Italy! One thing everyone agrees on is the rainbow display is meant to give hope and show solidarity to their friends, neighbors, and community as they take their walks outside. Some neighborhoods have created online rainbow scavenger hunts for kids! It's a great way to show everyone in your community that we are not alone and we are in this together.

p.s. Check out [PAGE 11](#) for a [RAINBOW TEMPLATE](#) if you need help making your own!



Making your own rainbow is a great activity to do with your family!



YOU CAN HELP TOO!



WARRIORS NEW WELLNESS DRIVE!

It's a game changer!

This year for our spring basket drive the Saint Patrick's Warriors are

NOW making **WELLNESS BASKETS**

to bring **HOPE, JOY, AND ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS**

to assist some of society's most vulnerable in coping with the Coronavirus pandemic.

All donations go to the homeless mothers and babies at the Siena House Shelter!

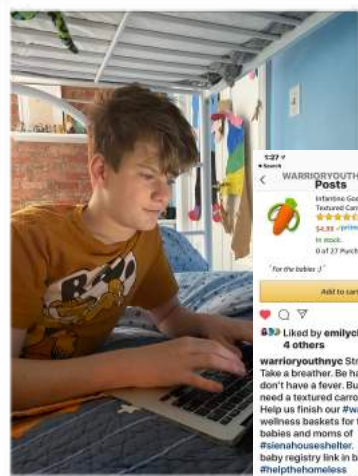
(sienahouseshelter.weebly.com) There are a wide assortment of items still needed from baby wipes, to vitamins, to cold medicine and healthy treats!

We're currently a quarter of the way to our donation goal!

Please help us make 27 baskets!

FOLLOW PROGRESS on Instagram @warrioryouthnyc

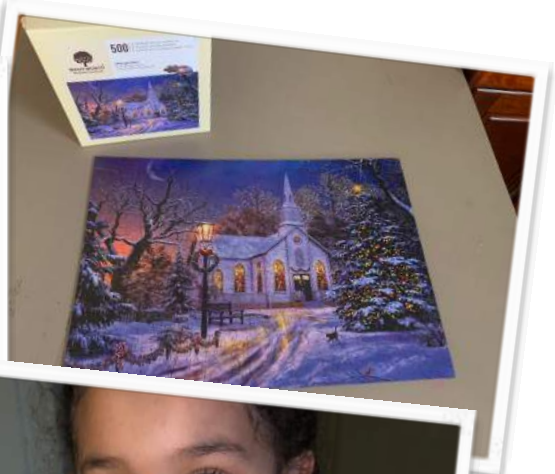
[click here to donate!](#)



Shout out to Callie & Bowie Palacios, Zaylen Palacios (Friends), Jack Gaffigan (Avenues) and Katie Gaffigan (Marymount) for helping out safely in their own homes!



TIME OFF? CRAFTS ON!

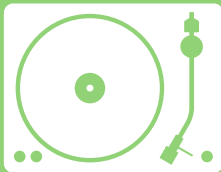
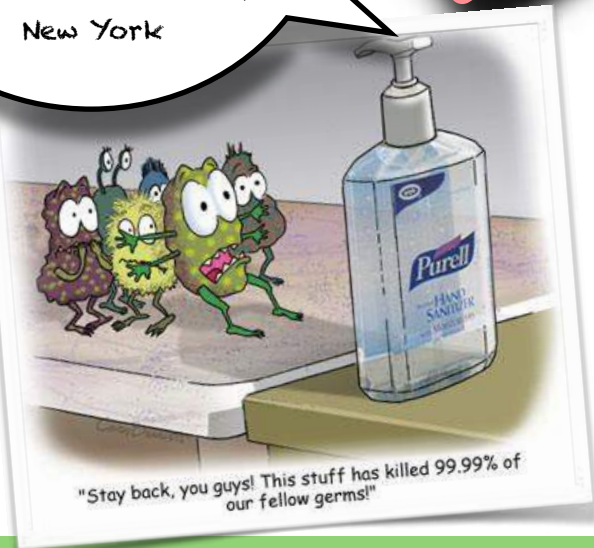


FUN PAGES

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MAKE YOUR
OWN MEME!



Make a **SPOTIFY PLAYLIST**
to share with your friends and spread some
love. Check out Marre Gaffigan's
stay positive :) playlist featuring songs from
ABBA, Panic! At The Disco and Whitney
Houston. Perfect for practicing
your new Tik Tok moves...
Link below!

[https://open.spotify.com/playlist/
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WORD PLAY

Imagine Word Search

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