



Richmond Inter-Parish Council

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ONE GOSPEL FOR ALL PEOPLE A 24 HOUR MARATHON READING OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

LIVE STREAM VIA FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE AND IN-PERSON

TO PROMOTE PEACE, HOPE, UNITY AND PRAYERS FOR ALL PEOPLES

Staten Island, New York – The Richmond Inter-Parish Council invites you to join with our neighbors, family, and friends near and far on **Monday, November 2nd at 9:00pm** as we read The Gospel of Jesus Christ in a 24-hour vigil promoting peace, hope and unity for all. We will also offer prayers for those who have died from COVID-19. The vigil ends on **Tuesday, November 3rd, at 9:00pm** when polls close in New York State. The Gospels offer an alternative to partisan politics and the current divisiveness of our political climate.

All are invited to hear the Good News of the Gospel in fellowship with one another regardless of political beliefs **via Facebook Live, YouTube or in-person** at Church of the Ascension located in Westerleigh (One Kingsley Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10314). Jesus Christ came to break down the walls that we erect to divide us by nation of origin, race, ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity. To truly make America great we are called to live into the message of the Gospel that teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

This 24-Hour continuous reading of the Gospel is an expression of our church's commitment to a more just and equitable society for all people especially during these times of uncertainty and challenges.

The Reverend William Baker or The Reverend Geraldine Swanson will be available to respond to press questions or interviews either between 9:00pm – 10:00pm on November 2nd or by appointment all day on November 3rd.

For further information and logistics in advance of the event or post-event photos, please visit the Gospel Marathon website at: **www.gospelmarathon.com**