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We, at Catholic Health, humbly join together to bring Christ's healing mission and the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church expressed in Catholic health care to our communities.

Announcements



Christopher Atalla, DO Director of Men's Health

Good Samaritan Hospital has named Christopher Atalla, DO, Director of Men's Health. Dr. Atalla is a urologist with Suffolk Urology in Bay Shore, a member of Catholic Health Physician Partners.

A graduate of New York Institute of Technology (NYIT), Dr. Atalla received his medical degree from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury. He completed his residency in urology at Detroit Medical Center and his urologic oncology fellowship at Metro Urology in Minneapolis, MN.

Dr. Atalla provides high quality care for urologic conditions in both men and women. With the latest advanced technology, such as robotic-assisted surgery, he provides some of the region's best outcomes for prostate, kidney and bladder cancer.

ANCC Recognizes Nurse Residency Program

Good Samaritan's Emergency Department received reaccreditation of the ANCC Practice to Transition Accreditation Program (PTAP) for their New Graduate Emergency Nursing Residency Program. The ANCC recognizes health care organizations that promote nursing excellence and quality resident/fellow outcomes while providing safe, positive work environments. Each nurse residency cohort is 12 months long and trains the new graduate nurse in all aspects of Emergency Nursing. PTAP reaccreditation is awarded for four years. Congratulations to all!



Message from the President

Dear Friends,

I hope you have been enjoying the summer months filled with warmer weather and barbecues. Summer also brings with it increased outdoor physical activities and sports. Please be assured, Good Samaritan Hospital and Catholic Health are here for any of your needs during this time. Whether it is a regular check up with one of our Catholic Health Physician Partners or treatment for an injury through our Emergency Department, our expert clinicians are ready and available to help you. If a virtual appointment is better suited for your busy life, you can schedule an appointment 24/7 through the Catholic Health telemedicine service. You can find more information and the QR code to access this digital service in this newsletter.

Reflecting on the past few months, the word that comes to mind is “progress.” In May, Good Samaritan broke ground on a new 300,000 sq. ft. Patient Care Pavilion. Many of you have already met with our Patient Care Pavilion Team to learn more about this project and the benefits it will offer our residents. With a completion date of January 2025, this new Pavilion will provide a 75,000 sq. ft. Emergency Department, new operating rooms and single private patient rooms. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the local residents, community

organizations, elected officials and others who have helped make the Patient Care Pavilion a reality!

More progress is also underway in our Maternity Unit. Additional, private single patient rooms are currently being added to meet the community’s needs. These new additions are combined with:

- The areas only Maternal Fetal Medicine program for high-risk patients
- The areas only Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for premature babies
- The new St. Francis Heart Center Women’s Heart Wellness Program at Good Samaritan to assist in identifying cardiac issues in new mothers
- Faith-based compassion and care that only Catholic Health can offer
- A special, high-end celebratory room service menu for maternity patients

This truly makes Good Samaritan the destination of choice for those expecting a new bundle of joy!

During all of these enhancements, Good Samaritan continues to shape the future of health care and train the clinicians of tomorrow. Our partnership with St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School included an exciting surgical symposium with hands on

training for students with an interest in the medical field. In addition, we once again celebrated our senior Graduate Medical Education residents who graduated in June and are now starting their medical careers here at Good Samaritan and throughout Long Island.

Also in this edition of *Health & Faith*, you will learn more about some special recognitions received by our Emergency Department Nurse Residency Program, Bariatric Surgery Program and Breast Health Program. Congratulations to these teams for their efforts and accomplishments. In addition, hear directly from patients who made Good Samaritan their choice for quality health care.

Finally, thank you for making Good Samaritan Hospital the premier choice for health care on the south shore. We look forward to continued “progress” to benefit the residents of Suffolk County!

Sincerely,



Ruth E. Hennessey
President
Good Samaritan
Hospital

Good Samaritan Hospital Breaks Ground on New Patient Care Pavilion

Good Samaritan Hospital recently broke ground on its \$500 million Patient Care Pavilion. The 300,000-square foot addition will be located on the northeast portion of the campus and feature a state-of-the-art 75-bay Emergency Department, 16 high-tech replacement operating rooms and three floors of private patient rooms. The project will not increase the hospital's overall bed count. Instead, it provides patients with more private space, larger and enhanced clinical areas and closer access within the hospital to key services. The project is scheduled to be completed in early 2025.

The groundbreaking ceremony included a blessing and remarks from the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Catholic Health's President & CEO Patrick O'Shaughnessy, DO, MBA, spoke along with Good Samaritan Hospital President Ruth E. Hennessey, Town of Islip Supervisor Angie Carpenter and former Stroke & Brain Aneurysm Center of Long Island patient Christine Newins.

"Catholic Health continues to make investments in its hospitals to transform our facilities into state-of-the-art centers for healing," said Dr. O'Shaughnessy. "Our strategic objective is to become the most trusted health



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care system on Long Island. Today's groundbreaking of the Patient Care Pavilion at Good Samaritan Hospital is one more step toward that ultimate goal; the founding Daughters of Wisdom would be very proud."

The Patient Care Pavilion will deliver the environment and technology to match the clinical expertise found at Good Samaritan. Patients and families will benefit from an enhanced experience through increased space, privacy, and new hybrid technology. The Pavilion allows Good Samaritan to remain at

the forefront of care related to neuroscience, cardiology, stroke, surgery, oncology and more. The single patient private rooms allow for healing through rest and relaxation in your own, much-needed sanctuary for recovery.

Recruitment of the next generation of physicians is also a focus of Good Samaritan. Physicians training across the country will be attracted to this technologically advanced pavilion, as it will allow them the ability to provide the most advanced treatments through cutting-edge technology.

Scan this QR Code to learn more about the Patient Care Pavilion.



Want a virtual tour of the new Patient Care Pavilion? Scan this QR Code.



County Commissioner Entrusts His Heart to Good Samaritan Hospital Cardiac Staff

In July of 2020, Patrick Beckley was overseeing a COVID-19 mass vaccination site at Stony Brook University in his role as Regional Director of NYS Homeland Security. Hearing that heart issues were a complication of COVID-19 and were being experienced by many young people, he became vigilant in monitoring himself for cardiac symptoms. When he began experiencing classic symptoms of heart problems—chest pain and pain in his left arm accompanying physical exertion, he immediately consulted his cardiologist, Ralph Caselnova, MD.

What happened next was not what Patrick expected.

“I thought maybe at worst I’d need to have a stent put in,” says Patrick. Instead, he was told that he had a 94% blockage of his coronary arteries and would likely require a quadruple bypass procedure. He was referred to the cardiac care specialists at the St. Francis Heart Center at Good Samaritan Hospital.



Scan the QR Code to learn more about Patrick Beckley’s story.



Women of West Islip Tree Dedication Ceremony

Marking the beginning of Nurses Week on May 6, the Women of West Islip (WOWI) dedicated a beautiful weeping cherry tree with a plaque honoring the nurses at Good Samaritan Hospital.

“Our hope is that when you are having a bad day or a bad week, you will take a moment to let this beautiful tree remind you that you are appreciated, you are loved and we are forever grateful for your service,” said WOWI member Patty Vorilas.

A Mother's 20-Year Journey to a New Perspective and Inner Peace

Twenty years ago, Melanie Milland-Dantzler welcomed her first child into the world, but soon found herself experiencing an unexpected feeling— isolation. After bringing her baby home from hospital, she continued to feel isolated at home as well.

“My friends basically disappeared, and two weeks after my daughter was born, my father had a stroke. My mother was doing her best to help, but she was running back and forth to the hospital to be with my father,” said Melanie.



Scan the QR Code to read her story



Catholic Health Suffolk County Marathon

Catholic Health is proud to once again serve as title sponsor and race medicine provider for the 8th Annual Suffolk County Marathon and Freedom Fest happening on October 22 and 23. More than \$800,000 has already been raised, underscoring Catholic Health's commitment to meeting the health care needs of the region's veterans.

Your participation in the event will help raise additional funds to benefit veterans' services throughout Suffolk County. Show your support by registering for the race, making a donation, or signing up to be a volunteer by scanning the QR code or visiting www.suffolkmarathon.com.



Good Samaritan Expands Maternity Unit to Include More Private Patient Rooms

Good Samaritan Hospital is enhancing its maternity services with several new additions, including a new, 10-bed maternity unit on the fourth floor that will feature postpartum rooms with private bathrooms and showers.

“At Good Samaritan Hospital we support expectant mothers and their family members through the entire pregnancy journey—from preparing for their baby’s arrival to postpartum support,” said John Vullo, DO, Good Samaritan Hospital Chairman of Obstetrics & Gynecology. “Our teams treat our patients like they’re family—with compassion and clinical excellence. Now we’ll have the facilities to match the outstanding care.”



Other new additions include the St. Francis Heart Center Women’s Heart Wellness Program to assist in identifying cardiac issues in new mothers and a special

menu designed specifically for labor and delivery patients and their partners. This new, family-centered area is expected to open at the end of 2022.

Bariatric Program Achieves Accreditation for the 4th Consecutive Survey

Good Samaritan Hospital announced that its bariatric surgery program has once again earned reaccreditation as an Accredited Center by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP®), a joint Quality Program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric



Surgery (ASMBS). The hospital has received this high honor on four consecutive surveys. Patients seeking surgical treatment for obesity and its related conditions have a high-quality choice for receiving care at a nationally accredited program that meets the highest standards for patient safety and quality on Long Island.

Perfect Day for Fishing on the Great South Bay!

Good Samaritan Hospital hosted the first South Shore Invitational Charity Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 25. Everyone had a great day fishing while raising money for the modernization of the Mother-Baby Unit at Good Samaritan.

Thank you to our generous sponsors and supporters: The Medical Staff at Good Samaritan Hospital, Great Bay Marine, Long Island Anesthesiologists, LLC, Blackfin Boats, Seaside 3 Marina, EW Howell Construction Group, Long Island Brain & Spine, Habberstad BMW, Miller's Ale House and The Fisherman Magazine. And special thanks to our event partners: East Shore Marine, Great Bay Marine, Island Yacht Sales, Seaside 3 Marina and Suffolk Marine.

Congratulations to all of our winners, especially all of our first place champs Joe and Cos from the Alyssa Lynn with a 28.55 lb. striped bass, John from Team Island Yacht with a 47.3 lb. tuna, George from 5 for Fighting with a 11.55 lb. bluefish, and Andrew from the Venture with a 6.8 lb. fluke.



To be added to the mailing list for future events, email chris.valencia@chsli.org.



(Left to right) Organ Donor Pete Prudenti, Organ Recipient Ed Schafer, Organ Donor Mother Kelli Cutinella, Organ Donor & Donor Mother Shannon Mulroy, LiveOnNY Community & Government Affairs Liaison Karen Cummings, Good Samaritan Hospital President Ruth E. Hennessey and Director of Pastoral Care Deacon Richard Becker.

Donate Life Awareness Month

In recognition of National Donate Life Awareness Month, Good Samaritan hosted a flag raising ceremony with members of the LiveOnNY family. Be a hero by registering to be a donor, becoming educated about living donation and championing the Donate Life cause.

Clinical Trial Shrinks Tumor, Helps Cancer Patient Stay Active

Zita Murano suspected something was wrong. For several weeks starting in November 2021, she had a persistent cough, experienced weight loss and felt run down and tired.

Her symptoms didn't improve after taking steroids and using a nasal spray. In fact, they got worse. During the week between Christmas and New Year's, Murano couldn't talk without coughing, and sleeping was difficult.

A chest X-ray on December 30 showed a sizeable mass in her lung. The next step was determining a diagnosis. Murano had a CT scan at Catholic Health's Good Samaritan Hospital. As an active 62-year-old who enjoys staying physically fit, was shocked to learn she had stage 4 lung cancer with nine brain tumors.



[Scan the QR code to read her story](#)



Good Samaritan Hospital Recognized by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers for Fifth Consecutive Time

The National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), a quality program administered by the American College of Surgeons (ACS), has granted accredited status to Good Samaritan Hospital for the fifth consecutive time. To achieve voluntary

NAPBC accreditation, a breast center must demonstrate compliance with the NAPBC standards that address a center's leadership, clinical services, research, community outreach, professional education, and quality improvement for patients. Breast centers seeking NAPBC accreditation undergo a site visit every three years.



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Congratulations to Tomorrow's Leaders

Good Samaritan Hospital is a leader in undergraduate and graduate medical education. Through our medical residency programs, we help students take the next step in their medical career: to become a skilled leader in medicine and surgery. Residents receive training from our board-certified physicians and faculty members who are experts in their fields. Well-rounded experiences give exposure to the most advanced technologies and a diverse patient population.

Good Samaritan would like to congratulate the 2022 graduates and the incoming class of residents. Since 1994, more than 500 physicians have been educated through Good Samaritan's Graduate Medical Education Program.



Emergency Medicine

Andrew Leubitz, DO

Teagan Lukacs, DO

Stephen Petrou, MD

Max Piazza, DO

Michael Simon, DO:
Progressive Emergency Physicians at Roslyn, NY

Nicole Vigh, DO:
Progressive Emergency Physicians at Good Samaritan Hospital

Family Medicine

Alexander La Tourrette, DO:
Long Island Comprehensive Care on Long Island

Rajiv Pasricha, DO:
Long Island Comprehensive Care on Long Island

Jacqueline Segelnick, DO:
NYU Langone Primary Care Outpatient Practice in Lake Success

Deirdre Stokes, DO:
NYU Langone Primary Care Outpatient Practice in Suffolk County

Cara Strobel, DO

in Medicine and Surgery



Pediatrics

Maxine Bayol, DO:
Long Island Pediatrics in Baldwin
James Boone, DO
Jessica Foertsch, DO
Jacqueline Sun, DO
Khang Tran, DO

Podiatry

Amanda Khoury, DPM
Anik Paul, DPM:
Private Podiatry Practice in Suffolk County
Joseph Zehentner, DPM:
Suffolk Foot & Ankle Practice in Suffolk County

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Heather Theobald, DO
Nathanial Thomas, DO

OB-GYN

Danielle Tisser, DO:
General OBGYN Practitioner at Grant Avenue Medical in Islip
Shayna Burdeaux, DO
Stephanie Luu, DO
Kelly Mover, DO

Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery

Courtney Fox, MD

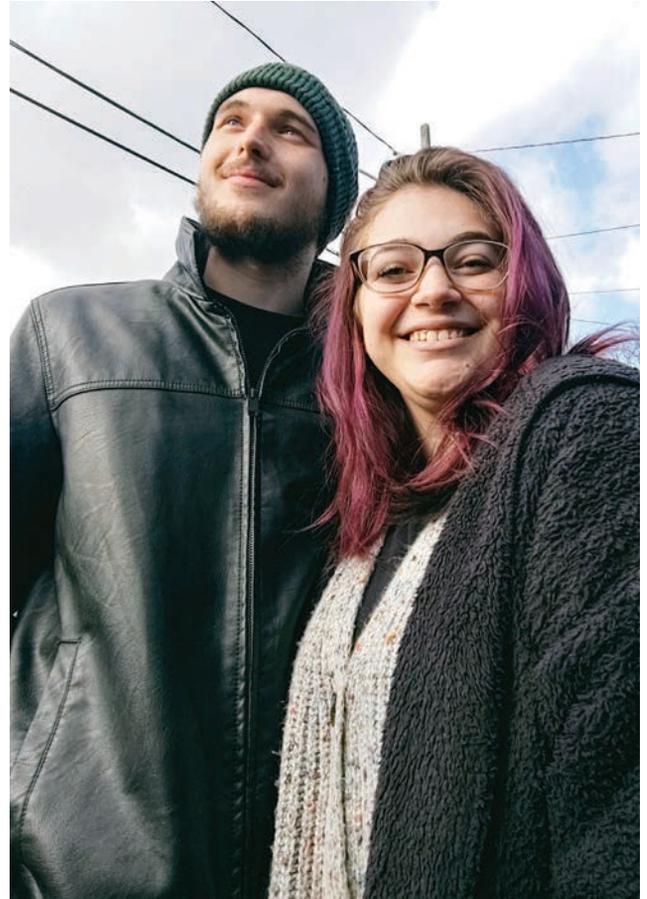
Timely Neurosurgical Intervention Leads to Excellent Outcome for Young Patient

Late one night in December 2021, 24-year-old Christopher Brown's girlfriend was jolted awake by what sounded like Christopher choking in his sleep. With a bit of effort, she shook him awake briefly, but Christopher rolled over and fell back to sleep. The following morning, unsure of what happened during the night but feeling fine, Christopher headed to the mechanic shop where he works.

Within a few hours, he began feeling light-headed and experienced disturbances in his vision severe enough that he needed help from his coworkers. Noticing that he was very pale, they called an ambulance which took him to St. Joseph Hospital. Imaging tests at St. Joseph revealed a large tumor in the right parietal lobe of Christopher's brain and doctors transferred him to the Catholic Health Cancer Institute at Good Samaritan Hospital for further treatment.



Scan the QR Code to read Christopher's story



2022 Virtual Cancer Symposium

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Careers in Health Care Surgical Symposium with St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

What do learning hands-on surgical skills from a cardiothoracic surgeon, seeing an anesthesiologist demonstrate the proper way to intubate a patient and using a video game controller to simulate lung cancer detection on a high-tech robot have in common? St. John the Baptist high school students experienced all of these and more at the Good Samaritan Surgical Symposium as part of the “Careers in Health Care” internship program.

Founded in the fall of 2021, this opportunity is offered as an elective to upperclassmen and extends over the course of two semesters. Students receive educational credit for their participation and completion of the course appears on their high school transcripts.

“Seeing firsthand the dedication of the doctors, nurses and staff who volunteered their time and talents to showcase

the many workings at Good Samaritan’s Surgical Symposium was truly amazing,” said St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School (DHS) Principal Biagio Arpino. “This program was an outstanding experience for our students to engage in and ponder their future educational or career endeavors. We’re grateful to Good Samaritan Hospital for this wonderful and successful educational opportunity.”



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— Biagio Arpino, St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School (DHS) Principal

To learn more about this innovative program, please email Volunteer Manager Brittany Colasanto at brittany.colasanto@chsli.org.



Save-the-Date

**Monday
October 3, 2022**

*Glen Oaks Club
Old Westbury, New York*

Don't miss a day on the greens while we honor **LORI & GIL D'ANDREA of West Islip at the 24th Annual Good Samaritan Hospital Golf Classic.**



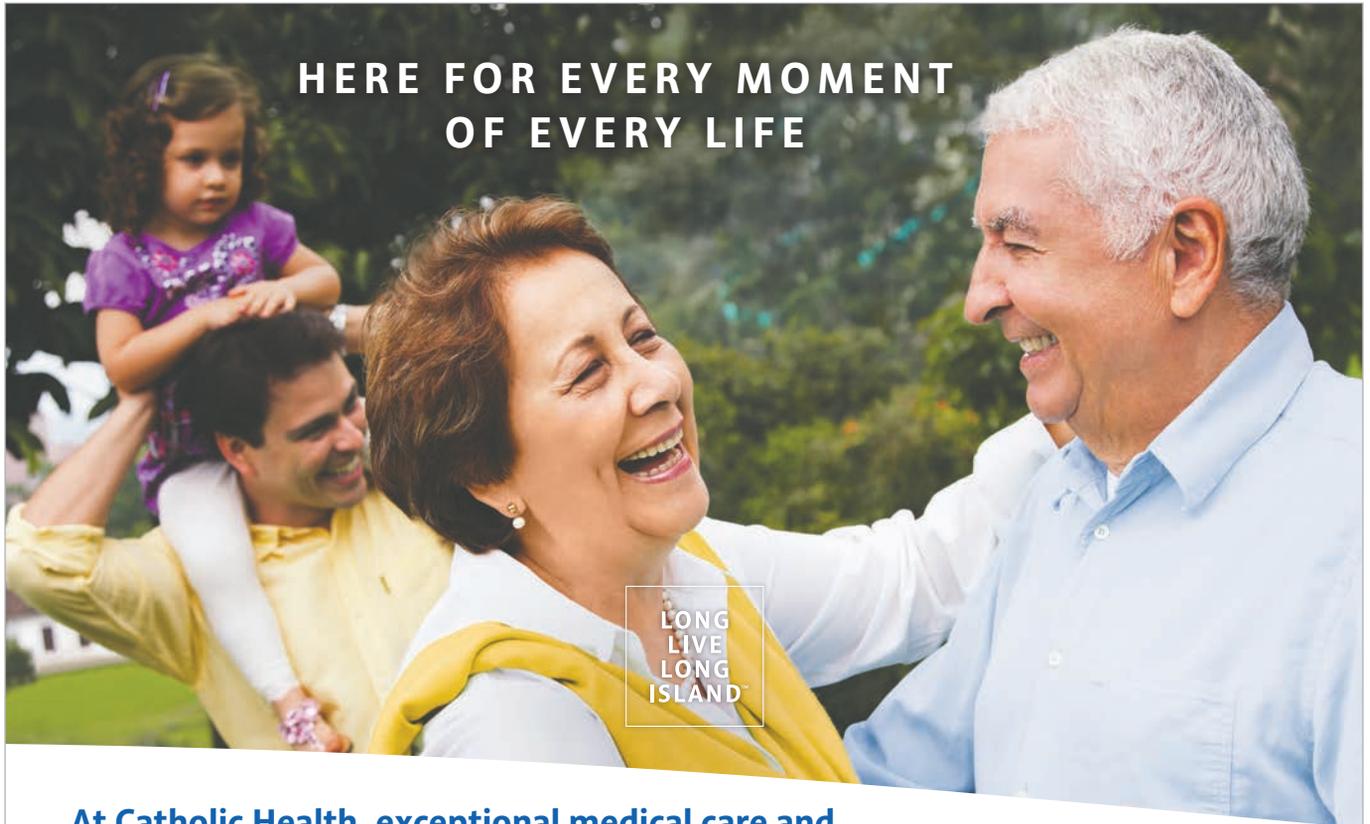
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