

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESENTS

NOW WHAT? | STOPPING GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

A TOWN HALL MEETING

Wednesday, August 24, 2022 • 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

The explosion of gun violence in this country makes one thing perfectly clear – there is no safe space left. Churches, schools, grocery stores, parking lots, hospitals, movie theaters, concert halls, subways, buses – no place is immune. Many are left feeling powerless and anxious as a result. All Saints Episcopal Church's response is hosting this free town hall to provide residents with information and advice on how they can cope and help address and prevent gun violence.

PROGRAM AGENDA

7:30 p.m. – 7:35 p.m.

Welcome

The Very Rev. Laurence G. Byrne, Rector, All Saints Episcopal Church Bayside

7:35-7:40 p.m.

Invocation

The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Long Island

7:40 – 7:50 p.m.

Keynote Speaker (via Zoom):

The Honorable Chris Coons, United States Senator from Delaware

7:50 – 9:20 p.m.

Town Hall Moderator:

Father Byrne

Speakers:

- **Captain John Portalatin**, Commanding Officer, 111th Precinct, New York Police Department
- **Bishop William Franklin**, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Long Island and Member, Bishops United Against Gun Violence on "The Moral Obligation"
- **Marjorie Boyden-Edmonds**, Director/Chaplain, Hoboken University Medical Center and Deacon, Flushing Deanery, Diocese of Long Island on "Mental Health Needs and Resources"
- Video message from **Northwell Health's Center for Gun Violence** on "Gun Violence as a Public Health Issue"
- **Michelle Guglielmelli**, Lead, Moms Demand Action New York City on "Sensible Gun Reform"
- **Chris Byrne**, The Toy Guy, on "Understanding the Cultural Importance of Play and Socialization"
- **Officer Luigi Galano**, 111th Precinct, New York Police Department on "Implementing the Blueprint for Ending Gun Violence in NYC"
- Video message from **Sandy Hook Promise** on "Preventing Gun Violence in our Schools and Communities"

9:20 – 9:25 p.m.

Benediction

Deacon Marjorie Boyden-Edmonds

9:25 – 9:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Father Byrne

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The Very Rev. Laurence G. Byrne, Rector ✕ The Rev. Marjorie Boyden-Edmonds, Deacon

Mr. Arkady Leytush, Organist / Choirmaster ✕ Mrs. Susan Byrne, Church School Director

Mrs. Nancy McCarthy, Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper



RESOURCES

Gun Reform and Gun Violence Protection

Bishops United Against Gun Violence <https://bishopsagainstgunviolence.org>

Sandy Hook Promise <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org>

Moms Demand Action <https://momsdemandaction.org>

Everytown <https://www.everytown.org/state/new-york/>

Brady <https://www.bradyunited.org/fact-sheets>

Northwell Health Center for Gun Violence <https://www.northwell.edu/center-for-gun-violence-prevention>

Political

FEDERAL

Senate

Senator Chuck Schumer: <https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/email-chuck>

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand: <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me>

House of Representatives

Congresswoman Grace Meng: <https://meng.house.gov>

Not from New York? Find your Senator here: <https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>

NEW YORK STATE

State Senator John Liu <https://www.nysenate.gov/registration/nojs/form/start/message-senator?senator=6867319>

Assembly Member Edward Braunstein <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Edward-C-Braunstein/contact/>

NEW YORK CITY

Council Member Vickie Paladino <https://council.nyc.gov/district-19/>

Not in Bayside? Find who represents you here: <https://www.mygovnyc.org>

Mental Health Resources

National Suicide Prevention Hotline – Dial **988**

<https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/988-fact-sheet.pdf>

“Nine Critical Warning Signs of Violence”

<https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/blog/teacher-resources/know-the-signs-of-gun-violence/>

1. Suddenly withdrawing from friends, family and activities (including online or via social media)
2. Bullying, especially if targeted towards differences in race, religion, gender or sexual orientation
3. Excessive irritability, lack of patience, or becoming angry quickly
4. Experiencing chronic loneliness or social isolation
5. Expressing persistent thoughts of harming themselves or someone else
6. Making direct threats toward a place, another person, or themselves
7. Bragging about access to guns or weapons
8. Recruiting accomplices or audiences for an attack
9. Directly expressing a threat as a plan

“Preventing School Shootings” <https://violence.chop.edu/types-violence-involving-youth/school-shootings/preventing-school-shootings>

“Data: What we know about mass shooters’ profiles, weapons and warning signs”

<https://www.kxan.com/stop-mass-shootings/data-mass-shooter-profiles-weapons-and-warning-signs/>

NYC Well Brochure PDF (in multiple languages)

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/mh/nycwell-brochure.pdf>