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BRISTOL INVITES RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN "BELLS FOR 100 DAYS" TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SACRIFICES OF MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

(BRISTOL, CT) – Saturday, June 20 will mark 100 days since the Coronavirus began in Bristol. The city, along with local churches, has created a "100 Day" bell ringing community event to unite the Bristol community.

Churches throughout Bristol will be ringing their bells on Saturday, June 20 at 4pm as a means of calling the community to pause to remember the lives affected by the virus and to unite to recognize the heroic efforts of our healthcare workers and first responders who have been working on the front lines since the pandemic started almost 100 days ago.

"It is my hope that people will have the experience of being united in prayer, especially at a time when we have all been isolated from one another," stated Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. After the bell ringing, St. Gregory's Church has offered to host an interfaith gathering in their large parking lot. This event would be open to all of the churches and their members, as well as to all Bristol residents. "This is a time to pray for those afflicted by the virus and their families," Deacon Stan Piotrowski said.

The schedule of events is as follows: 4 p.m. all churches throughout Bristol will ring their bells for 5 -7 minutes. At 4:30 p.m. the community is asked to gather at St. Gregory Church parking lot where community leaders will address attendees and recognize the efforts of the many individuals, first responders, healthcare workers, those afflicted with the coronavirus, and their families.

St. Joseph's Bell Choir will gather and perform in front of Bristol Hospital.

"We greatly appreciate St. Gregory's Church, Monsignor Gary Simeone and Deacon Stan Piotrowski stepping forward to host this event," said Councilman Greg Hahn.

This event is free and open to all. Parking is available at St. Paul High School parking lot and at the St. Gregory CCD Center on Stafford Ave. Some handicapped parking spaces will be set aside at the

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Stafford Ave. entrance to St. Gregory's Church. Those attending are encouraged to wear masks, and gather in an appropriately socially distanced manner.

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