

# **Our Mother of Consolation Red Cross Blood Donor Drive Saturday, January 30 – 9 AM to 2 PM**

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

On Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 9 AM till 2 PM, OMC will again host a Red Cross Blood Donation Drive. Every 2 seconds, somewhere in the US, someone needs blood products – 38,000 units of blood daily. Available blood products save lives. The need is especially great this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This winter, the donor registration process will be entirely online at the Red Cross web site [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Use the “Sponsor Code” OurMotherCH. Donors should report to the Parish Hall at the exact time specified online for your donation, wearing a face mask. The number of donors allowed into the Parish Hall at any one time will be limited by the Red Cross to allow safe social distancing. If you arrive too early, you may be asked to wait outside the Hall to be called in (please bring your cell phone). Temperatures of all donors will be checked. Hand sanitizer will be available –please use it. Donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies and donors will receive their results.

Donor evaluations and medical histories are performed by trained Red Cross personnel. After donation, donors will rest and enjoy water/juices and snacks to replace the donated blood volume during the recovery observation period before release. Donors may park in the school parking lot. Come to the Parish Hall Door from Chestnut Hill Avenue. There will be signs posted for your guidance.

There is lots of information for prospective blood donors on the Red Cross web site at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Questions can be answered by the Red Cross Donor Client Support Center at 1-866-236-3276. Blood donors can sign up to donate at OMC directly on the Red Cross web site at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation-sponsor> and schedule their donation time. Use the Sponsor Code: OurMotherCH. Red Cross web site self-scheduled donation information will be shared with the parish Blood Drive Coordinator to prevent scheduling conflicts.

Thank you in advance for giving the “Gift of Life” of a blood donation if you are able to do so.

The OMC Blood Drive Team

