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## Diocese of Brooklyn sponsors mass of hope and healing for survivors of sexual abuse



Pope Francis I meets with Brooklyn Diocesan Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio (at left) in June, 2013. Both Pope Francis and Bishop DiMarzio have worked for healing within the Roman Catholic Church and the wider community. Photo courtesy of The Tablet

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Survivors of sexual abuse by members of the clergy have partnered with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn to sponsor a Mass of Hope and Healing this Wednesday. The Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, will be the main celebrant and homilist at the April 15 Mass at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. James in Downtown Brooklyn.

“There has been much darkness in the past regarding this issue, but it must come out into the light,” said Bishop DiMarzio. “We must own up to past mistakes and seek to heal those who have been abused, and I

must take this opportunity to publicly thank those who have come forward to help us shed light into the darkness of this most serious issue. These survivors have shown us that there is hope for healing and have helped us to identify the pastoral resources which our Diocese makes available to assist them on their journey.”

This liturgy originated from the work of the diocesan Office of Victims Assistance Ministry and a group of survivors who have joined forces to pray for the ongoing healing of sexual abuse survivors, their families, the Church, and for continued vigilance toward the protection of children and youth. Attendees will include clergy, survivors, family members of survivors and many others committed to the protection and safety of children.

Healing Intervention team members will be present for anyone wishing to speak to someone in regard to the services provided by the Office of Victim Assistance Ministry.

Bishop DiMarzio’s recent column on the Healing Mass can be read at [thetablet.org](#). He also has a paper published on this issue, titled: “From Shadow to Light and From Scandal to Healing: the Experience of the Diocese of Brooklyn with the Sex Abuse Scandal.”

New Evangelization Television (NET TV) will broadcast the Mass for Hope and Healing live, and it will also be streamed on [netny.tv](#). NET TV is a cable network featuring news and information with a Catholic point of view, and is available in the New York area on Time Warner Cable, channel 97, Cablevision, channel 30, and nationally on Verizon FiOS on Demand.

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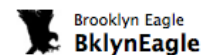
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neil allen · 14 hours ago
DiMarzio, you fraud, why don't you open up your secret archives (that every bishop keeps about pedophile priests), and try to put every pedo-priest in jail (Matt 18:6), then look for every victim (Matt 18:10-14).

Frank LaFerriere · 17 hours ago
As one who was raped by priests of the Unholy Roman Catholic Church I can state without a problem that this is the same crap they been throwing at us for the last twenty years. How about this you bunch of Pedophiles?

1. Stop fighting we the victims, using your lawyers to defeat us, using the Statute of Limitations and stop having your disgusting Pedophile Pimps come out in droves along with that disgusting Pedophile Loving Bill Donohue of the Catholic League, to fight any changes to the statute of limitations that opens a door for us victims to seek justice.

2. Stop your attacking us victims. I am personally sick and tired of it. Bill Donohue of the Catholic League even said right to my face, that because me, as a 15 year old, did not punch the priests

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League even said right to my face, that because me, as a 15 year old, did not punish the priests who raped me, that meant I not only wanted to be raped, I enjoyed being raped and I am a homosexual because of it. Or how about your Priest Richard Ross, whose brother, another priest who was busted raping children, said he would love to take us into a room and beat us with a baseball bat to show us what pain and suffering is. Or Groelsch who stated that we seduced our rapist priests. Or all the other attacks against us, when we demand justice, like we are nothing but liars, gold diggers, out looking for a payday from your church, or that we should just forgive our rapists, but never seek their prosecution, because that makes us Anti-Catholic bigots and haters.

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**Earquinn** → Frank LaFerriere • 15 hours ago

The best advice I got was to judge people by their behavior not their words. I am pretty sure the Barros and the Wesolowski (2 years this July, oh right, he is suffering in Vatican City) stories are the big middle finger to abuse survivors. As long as the money keeps rolling in, there is no reason for them to care about the most vulnerable.

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**Lorenzo-NY** → Frank LaFerriere • 16 hours ago

Maybe SNAP should show up at that Mass - you too to tell your horrific story. Grab a reporter and get your story on the air. The Statute of Limitations and sanctions against bishops and superiors who protected the pedophiles are the two issues hanging out there unresolved.

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**Frank LaFerriere** → Lorenzo-NY • 11 hours ago

SNAP? They are actually in bed with the damn RCC and you can accept this or not. Sure they make a noise, but basically many of us victims have found a lot of disgusting and disturbing actions by a lot of the leaders of SNAP. Same with a few other groups purported to help us. Road to Recovery is another scam group, ran by Bob Hutson and Louis Romano, who have caused incredible harm to victims as well as that idiot from the ITCCS Kevin Annett.

More people are interested in their own damn gains at the expense of us victims.

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**Chris Tina Johnson** • 19 hours ago

ditto!

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**skeptic** • 20 hours ago

In no way, shape or form will a mass or any other rcc ritual heal the VICTIMS of clergy abuse ! If 'di marzio' is sincere which he isn't , then he will demand that the SOL be removed and a Survivor Window be enacted for VICTIMS to have access to the courts as 'Healing begins when Justice is served' ! An ounce of action is worth more than a ton of preaching and di marzio is just another rcc "BS' artist !

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**Frank LaFerriere** → skeptic • 17 hours ago

Honestly? I know they want us victims to kill ourselves. 1,000's of us actually have. They love it when one of us blows our brains out, or hangs ourselves, or kills ourself in other ways. Their dicks get hard when they hear one of us committed suicide.

They would rather have us all die, than deal with us.

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**Lorenzo-NY** • 20 hours ago

Maybe Di Marzio should staert his compassion for victims campaign by ceasing to fight the lifting of statute of limitations legislation in Albany. Hypocritical crocodile tears.

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**SMPTURLISH** → Lorenzo-NY • 20 hours ago

Absolutely.

Di Marzio should be in Albany on Lobby Day, April 22nd speaking for the necessity of supporting the Child Victims Act: (A2872 and S63) as well as Assemblywoman Marge

Markey for the work she has done these many years. He should support the Civil Window.

Di Marzio should be joined by a representative number of other New York bishops including Bishop William Murphy. Catholic Whistleblowers sent them all invitations! No responses as yet.

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