Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Kepert Join in the Annual St. Joseph the Worker Community Garden Blessing and Peace Pole Prayer
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Farmingville, NY - The annual May 1st tradition of the Community Garden Blessing at St. Joseph the Worker was continued under cloudy skies, but with warm hearts. As done in past years, Father John Millitt lead the event by beginning with a prayer around the peace pole followed by a procession through the pergola into the center of the garden where the ceremonial blessing took place. The garden is located on Naragansett Avenue in East Patchogue. "I'm happy to see the community join together to create this beautiful garden every year," said Supervisor Romaine. "The blessing has become such a great tradition here in East Patchogue and a sure sign that spring is here and summer is just around the corner."

"The garden blessing is a wonderful and hopeful event that indicates the coming of the growing season. There are multiple benefits to community gardens; they foster the connection of community members by bringing people together from a wide variety of backgrounds and the best part is participants get to grow and eat healthy food. It's been my pleasure to attend these events through the years," stated Connie Kepert.

Catherine Andrejack from the Parish Social Ministry Coordinator at St. Joseph the Worker Church helped lead the shared blessing, "Bless all present and the seeds planted, may the soil be fertile and the harvest be bountiful. May we grow seeds of peace, unity and goodwill on this holy ground and spread throughout our community."

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