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## **Exceptional cardiovascular services for all Long Islanders**

Catholic Health's St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center® is consistently recognized for excellence in cardiology. Now, St. Francis Heart Center is bringing its groundbreaking treatments and superior standards of care to multiple locations across our region.

You'll find dedicated St. Francis Heart Center physicians and care units at these Catholic Health locations:

- St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center® in Roslyn
- Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip
- Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre
- St. Catherine of Siena Hospital in Smithtown
- St. Joseph Hospital in Bethpage (soon)

"Catholic Health approaches patient care in a unique way," said its President & CEO Patrick O'Shaughnessy, DO, MBA. "For us, care doesn't begin and end with clinical expertise. We place our patients and their families at the center of all we do, so the commitment is as compassionate as it is scientific."

Now, wherever you live on Long Island, all have access to the highest quality and most advanced cardiac diagnostics, treatments and therapeutic interventions. All driven by Catholic Health's signature compassion and excellence.

With unmatched cardiac care now available across Long Island, your heart is always in the right place.

#### **PERSEVERANCE SAVES LIVES**

Suzanne Calicchio of Kings Park suffered a severe heart attack and was rushed to Catholic Health's St. Catherine of Siena Hospital in Smithtown. There, Emergency Department staff brought her back to life, refusing to give up and shocking her an astounding 33 times. She then received a stent to open up a blocked artery and restore blood flow. Once stabilized,



Suzanne Calicchio of Kings Park knows first hand of Catholic Health's excellence.

Calicchio was transferred to St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center® in Roslyn for a follow-up procedure performed by Edward F. Lundy, MD, St. Francis' surgical director of heart failure and circulatory support.

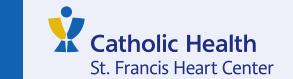
The very busy owner of an RV rental business, Calicchio is now healed and working. She looks forward to getting married later this year. Her advice to other Long Islanders: consult with a qualified cardiologist to pre-emptively manage heart problems.



St. Francis Heart Valve Center Co-Directors Newell Robinson, MD, and George Petrossian, MD, hold the aortic valve replacement, which is implanted in a minimally invasive procedure known as TAVR (transcatheter aortic valve replacement). St. Francis Heart Center performs more TAVR implants per year than any other hospital on Long Island.



St. Francis Heart Center offers a wide array of cardiovascular services at Catholic Health's Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip. (Left to right) Cardiologists Ezra Deutsch, MD; Christopher La Mendola, MD; Paul Lee, MD.



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SPECIAL ADVERTISING SECTION

# Recognized for excellence in cardiology year after year

Under the leadership of Catholic Health's Chairman of Cardiovascular Services Richard A. Shlofmitz, MD, St. Francis Heart Center's physicians are best in class in every sub-specialty pertaining to cardiology:

- Interventional Cardiology Minimallyinvasive remediation of blocked arteries
- Electrophysiology Pioneers in the treatment of irregular heartbeats
- Open Heart Surgery One of the largest surgical caseloads in New York State with highly consistent success rates for the past 30 years
- Congestive Heart Failure State-of-theart disease management to reduce the frequency and duration of hospital visits

- Structural Heart Repair Leaders in minimally invasive valve replacement, such as TAVR
- Diagnostic Cardiology Experts in the use of sophisticated intravascular imaging to pinpoint the source of cardiac issues

### GROUNDBREAKING TECHNOLOGY, THERAPY AND RESEARCH

"It's one thing to be the best at today's cardiovascular procedures—it's another to be in the lead on what's coming tomorrow," said Richard Shlofmitz, MD. "At St. Francis Heart Center, we are bringing tomorrow's solutions to Long Islanders and New Yorkers today. Not only is St. Francis participating in these trials, but we are in fact leading a good many, both in terms of science and enrollment."



St. Francis Heart Center was the first Long Island hospital to use the Aveir Leadless Pacemaker to treat cardiac arrhythmia. Vinod Jayam, MD, and his team at St. Francis Heart Center implanted the device in about 30 minutes through a minimally invasive catheter-based procedure, avoiding a surgical incision in the chest. The pacemaker's battery can last more than 20 years, reducing the number of times a procedure needs to be performed.



RICHARD A. SHLOFMITZ, MD Chairman of Cardiovascular Services, Catholic Health

"Once a cardiac event occurs, time is heart muscle. The highly recognized cardiovascular services of St. Francis Heart Center are now available at multiple locations across Long Island, delivering exceptional cardiac treatment where and when it's needed, improving outcomes and saving lives."

### St. Francis Heart Center is leading clinical trials to study enhanced methods of:

- Placing intracoronary stents with greater precision
- Clearing blocked arteries with the support of 3-D intravascular imaging
- Correcting leaky heart valves with minimally-invasive techniques
- Improving recovery times for open heart coronary bypass surgery



St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center® is located in Roslyn, New York. But now St. Francis Heart Center services are available at Catholic Health hospitals and practices across Long Island. To find one near you, visit chsli.org/heart.

We're leading the way in more and more minimally-invasive approaches to unblock arteries and replace failing heart valves. That's adding years to the lives of so many Long Islanders.

CHARLES LUCORE, MD
President, St. Francis Hospital & Heart Center®

Dr. Shlofmitz was also the principal investigator for ultrasound sonic pressure therapy to unblock arteries, which resulted in FDA approval. St. Francis Heart Center is a world leader in calcium ablation for complex angioplasty.

Among many breakthroughs, the WATCHMAN FLX<sup>TM</sup> device was first implanted in St. Francis patients coping with atrial fibrillation. Additionally, St. Francis was the first hospital in Nassau County to implant a left ventricular assist device, or LVAD, a pump that offers patients with advanced heart failure a new lease on life.

## **Saving lives** with LVAD

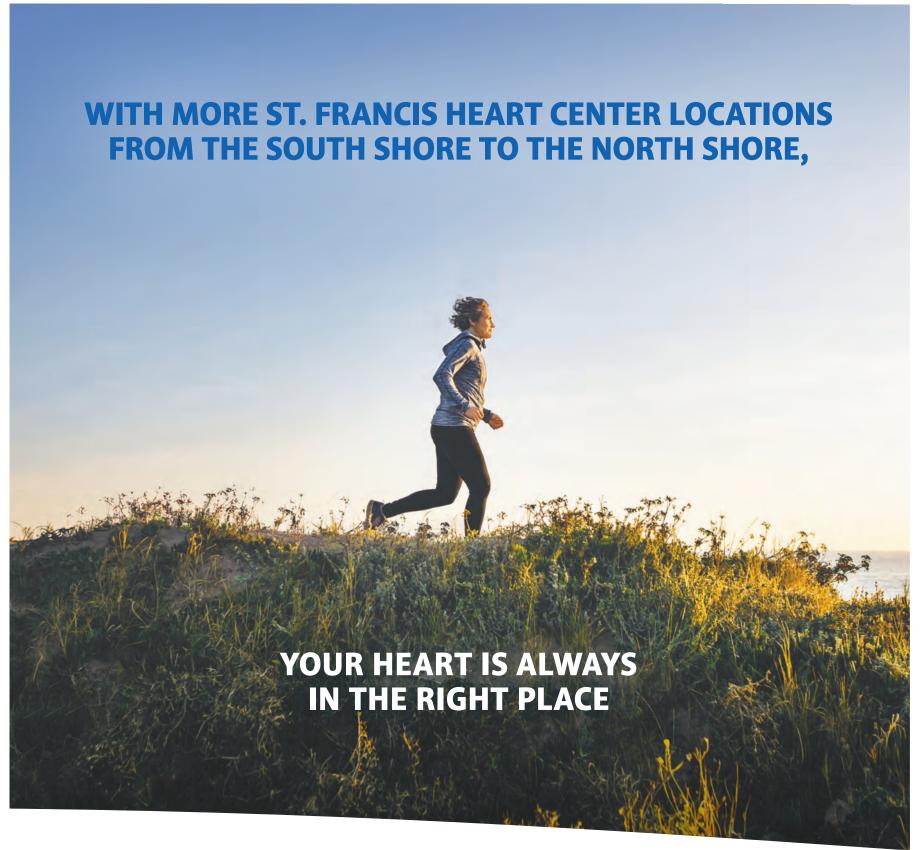


The left ventricular assist device (LVAD) offers treatment for severe heart failure patients. It is used both as a bridge to transplantation or as destination therapy.

St. Francis Hospital & Heart
Center® has an impressive
track record with LVAD,
especially in terms of survival
rates. St. Francis partners with
Montefiore Medical Center to
provide an easy transition for
patients who will undergo
heart transplantation.

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