

## Our Lady of Hope This Week



### THE EPIPHANY POINTS THE WAY TOWARD LIFE

Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord: the manifestation to the Gentiles (in the persons of the Magi) of the life of God Himself. God, who in the person of Jesus, shared in our humanity in order to allow us to share in His divinity forever. Like the Magi, each person's journey to Christ has its own direction and trail; and for each who pays Christ homage and offers the treasures one holds, the reward is the same: a path away from the dangers of sin and death and toward life.

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### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah calls the people to rise up because the light (God) has come and they will praise the Lord with overflowing hearts. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, we hear that the mystery which was not revealed to other generations has been made known and that all are co-heirs and co-partners in the work and promises of Christ. Today's Gospel is the account of the Magi who journey far as they seek out the long-awaited Christ, encountering King Herod in Jerusalem along the way, and then finding the child Jesus in Bethlehem.

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Last Sunday's collection 12/30/18	\$8,004.00
Same Last Year	\$7,828.79
Weekly amount needed	\$9,456.00
Shortfall	\$1,452.00
Attendance 12/30/18	563
Same Last Year	492
<i>Thank you for your generosity in returning to God some of what He has given you.</i>	

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

### EPIPHANY VIRTUS TRAINING-PROTECT OUR CHILDREN!

Virtus is a program that gives us a specific plan in identifying and preventing child sexual abuse. The training is required of all diocesan personnel and volunteers in all parishes.

If you are a volunteer and still need to fulfill this obligation check the Long Island Catholic or the Diocesan website, [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org) for training sessions available in the area. Please register for the class online or stop in the Church office.

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People maintains a confidential phone line: 516 594-9063. We are available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. All calls are responded to within 24 hours.

### SINCERE THANK YOU

The office staff would like to extend their sincere thanks to all for their Christmas goodies and best wishes. It was very unnecessary but most thoughtful. Thank you!

### WE SHARE ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available at Our Lady of Hope and it's safe, simple and convenient. Please visit [olhope.weshareonline.org](http://olhope.weshareonline.org) to get started. The site is very "user friendly", but if you still have questions please do not hesitate to call the church office or WeShare directly at 855 800-4273.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**We invite all our Religious Education teachers to come to the office to receive our sincere best wishes for a Blessed Christmas Season and our special gift for you.**

**Level 1 will begin their classes the week of January 7.** Assignments were given at the December 5 Group Meeting. If you don't have an assignment, please follow up with the office.

**All Religious Education classes resume on Tuesday, January 7.** After the New Year, the office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 1-6pm and Wednesday 10am-3pm.

**Level 7** will have a special Group Meeting on Monday, January 14 at 7pm. All Level 7 students and teachers are expected to attend.

There is a **Level 8 Parent/Candidate Meeting** on Tuesday, January 15 at 7pm. All Level 8 parents and candidates are expected to attend.

There are no Religious Education classes on Monday, January 21.

**OUR LADY OF HOPE ADULT CHOIR**

Any adult who enjoys singing and is able to match pitches correctly is most heartily encouraged to participate in the Adult Choir which sings at the 11:30am Sunday Masses (October through June). It is not necessary to have music reading skills, only the room in your schedule to join with us on most Sundays and rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30pm. If you have ever considered singing in the choir, now is the ideal time to come and check us out. Please call Ray Henderson at 334-6288 ext. 19 for any further information.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

The class for Baptism will be held every other month on the last Sunday of the month at 11am in the lower church. The next class scheduled is February 24.

**ALTAR BREAD, ROSE FOR LIFE & SANCTUARY CANDLE**

If you wish to donate the bread and wine for the week's Sunday and daily Eucharist celebrations, the offering is \$50. Opportunities to donate a Rose for Life are also available. The offering is \$5 per week. The sanctuary candle is available for memorialization. The offering is \$15.

**FREE FOOD FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS**

The CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program), funded by USDA, NYSDOH and administered by Catholic Charities is offering free food for 6 to 12 months post-partum women, children from the age of 5 up to their sixth birthday, and seniors age 60 and over, who are income eligible. The food package includes cheese, milk, starches, cereals, juices, canned fruits, vegetables, canned fish, meats and more. Income guidelines for seniors are as follows: Gross monthly income; for single senior-\$1,180 or less, for senior couple-\$1,594 or less. For further information and income guidelines for women and children in Nassau and Suffolk, please call 631 623-4568 or 631 491-4156.

**MEMORIAL BRICKS**

We are accepting orders for the memorial bricks which are being placed in front of the Grotto on the parking lot side of the church. Order forms are available in the church office. The cost of a memorial brick is \$125. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING**

There will be a 6 hour Defensive Driving course held in Msgr. Midura Hall on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 8:30am to 3pm. This course is a way to lower your insurance premiums, reduce your driver record violation points, and sharpen your driving skills. The cost is \$45 (check made payable to Our Lady of Hope Church). Please call the church office to register in advance. Please bring a brown bag lunch and your license.

**\*\*\*Please note\*\*\***

**There is no parking directly in front of the church. This is reserved for emergency vehicles if needed. Please respect the safety of the parishioners of Our Lady of Hope Church. Thank you!**

<p><b><u>OUR LADY OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY</u></b></p> <p>At this time, the Food Pantry is in need of the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Tuna</li> <li>▶ Cookies-Oreos &amp; Chocolate Chip</li> <li>▶ Cereal-all varieties</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Happy New Year!! The Food Pantry Staff</p>
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## Let us pray...

### FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN UNIFORM

Michael B. Kilgannon, USAF, AC2 Eric Cullum, US Navy (D), Captain Kristofer Seibt, US Army (D), Cpl. Matthew Ketcham (D), Lt. Col. Matthew Kessler, USMC, Master Sgt. James Higgins, USMC, Robert Weingartner, Matthew Ziminsky, Daniel J. Vincent USAF, Timothy Vincent USMC, Captain Caitlin M. Drumm, USAF-MC, LTJG Joe Wengler, US Navy.

*\*D = Deployed*

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED...

especially Peggy Wilde.



**Sanctuary Candle**

\$15



**Rose for Life**

\$5

### FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

Maria Acierno, Mary Alba, Elvia Aleman, Ronald Aman, Eleanor Angelis, Yvonne Angeles, Maya Annunziato, Mikey Armand, Jeanne (Porcelli) Aroyo, Anthony Barbera, Concetta Basso, Susan Blum, Marion Bonura, Deborah Bourassa, Mary Broyles, Peter Burkhardt, Giuseppe Burro, Diana Cabral, Eustacia Calderone, Michael Caplice, Brianna Cardenas, Maria Carrillo, Richard Casella, Gianna Casella, Marcel Chaillol, Joan Clarke, Judy Clickner, Gina Corleto, Marie Corte, George Costidis, Lona Cruz, Esther Curran, Dana Day, Peter DeFilippo, Kim DeRidder, Marie DeSimone, Joseph DiBiasi, Bernard Dicks, May Dong, Hailey Eimer, Joe Farinaro, Alice Feldt, Margaret Flahive, Marie Francis, Grace Franzese, Mario Gaigan, Gerry Georgio, Linda Gildea, Donna Girardi, Susan Goode, Emily Grimm, Joan Hogan, Art Howell, Helen Jara, Jacqueline Klein, Sue Klein, Barbara Knapp, Tom Knapp, Susan Goglia Kopas, Dorothy Kuchler, Marietta Lettau, Lois Lewis, Raymond Licata, Vincent Luciano, John Malavolta, Sherrie Mayzie, John McDonald, Elaine Medoro, Maria Merz, Heather Morella, Baby Viviana Mortellaro, William C. Murphy, Angelina Muzio, Danny Noble, Theresa Noto, Maureen Ostrowski, Angela Pascarella, James Passarella, Rylie Pederson, Antonio Perrino, Ann Peters, Loraine Pino, Joseph Piscitelli, Lorraine Poduch, Victor Praete, Fran Precipuo, Vincent Purcell, Kathleen Rainone, Joel Rivera, Daniel Roche, Nicole Roeder, George Rottkamp, Alex Salvaggio, Sara Sammartino, Rosa Santos, John Saunders, Joseph Schaefer, Maureen Schroeder, Randy J. Smith, Donna Spano, Mark Sterlacci, Sr., Darrell Stone, Nancy Tandl, Kerri Taylor, Florence Theroux, Joan Thue, James Tirone, Marie Tricarico, Flo Vaccaro, Christopher Velez, Joseph Vigotty, Marie Wachter, Frank Wetmore, Maureen Wotten, Sondra Yannone, Rose Youngblood

*Please call the parish office, if someone on this list has returned to reasonable health and can be removed from the list. At times, names may be taken off when we do not have any information about the person listed.*



**Altar Bread & Wine**

\$50

<b>MINISTERS AT MASSES January 12 &amp; 13</b>				
	5:00pm	8:30am	10am	11:30am
PRESIDER	Fr. Tomaz	Fr. Dowling, SJ	Fr. Arnao	Fr. Kealey
LECTOR	N. Moir	P. Varol	S. Buffolino	S. Yannone
ALTAR SERVERS				
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Sorry for the inconvenience-the schedule was unavailable at the time of bulletin printing. It will be forwarded to all ministers as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.</b></p> </div>			
MUSIC MINISTERS	Cantor/Organ		Cantor/Organ	Cantor/Organ

# St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT & PAGEANT

It was a capacity crowd for our Annual Christmas Concert & Pageant, featuring performances by our Experienced Band, Violin Ensemble, Chorus, Drama Club, and students in grades 3 through 5. What a blessing it was for us to be together as the children shared their gifts and talents and retold the beautiful Christmas story.



### JOIN US!

St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope is a place where *faith* shapes the spirit, *family* shapes the heart, and *knowledge* shapes the mind. If you'd like to see for yourself how we're learning and living our faith each day, come visit us at our **Open House on Sunday, January 27th at 2 PM.**



# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

January 2019

Our Lady of Hope Church  
Rev. Thomas V. Arnao, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Francis de Sales

Born to a wealthy family in Savoy, near Switzerland, St.

Francis became the Bishop of Geneva and worked to revive Catholicism in Chablais, Switzerland. Controversial for his day, he taught that all Christians in whatever station in life could grow in holiness. He was known for his simple but profound sermons, and kindly spiritual wisdom. His famous work, *Introduction to the Devout Life* is still a popular read today as it was when he wrote it.



### God stays the same

Although the world changes constantly, God stays the same. He can be trusted to provide love, support, and strength when we need it. All we have to do is ask him. *"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed"* (Malachi 3:6).

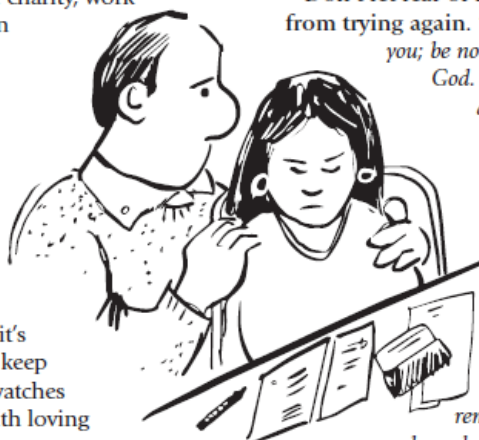
### Pass it on

"Evangelization means to set out with Christ in order to pass on the gift we have received" (Pope Benedict XVI).



## God watches good efforts with loving eyes

We start the New Year with the best of intentions, but life can get in the way of success. Household expenses leave little for charity, work encroaches on family time, daily tasks distract from prayer time, and healthy habits fall away. It can be discouraging when we stumble, but it's important to keep trying. God watches our efforts with loving eyes.



God knows our limits. Our Father understands that we are weak and that we struggle. Even Peter, Jesus' close friend, promised devotion but later denied knowing him (John 13: 37-38).

Not only did Jesus forgive him, he made Peter the first head of his beloved Church.

Don't let fear of failure keep you from trying again. *"Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you"* (Isaiah 41:10). The key is to get back to the plan. We aren't meant to do it alone. Jesus is the source of our true strength and wants to help us get it right. *"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its*

*own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me"* (John 15:4). *"Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power"* (Ephesians 6:10).

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics call Mary the Mother of God?

When we refer to Mary as "Mother of God," we are saying that Jesus is God. The Church has always taught that Jesus is both God and sinless man. As the Word of God, he always existed. He took on flesh and "became man" in history



through Mary (John 1:14). Mary is truly his mother: she gave birth to him and raised him. Since Jesus is God, Mary, his mother, is the "Mother of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, #495*).

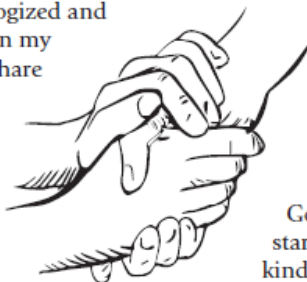


# Forgiveness makes good sense

"My best friend hurt me terribly, hasn't apologized and doesn't act sorry. I refuse to forgive her." "When my parents died, my brother took more than his share of their estate. I'll never speak to him again."

Refusing to forgive merely prolongs the hurt feelings and traps us in the past. It forces us to dwell on bad feelings and keep them alive. That feels awful. Forgiving is something we do for ourselves.

But when we forgive, the energy that sustained the anger and hurt is now available



for better purposes. That feels better.

Need another reason? Jesus taught us that to receive forgiveness of our own sins we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we can't or won't – how can we obtain it for ourselves?

Instead, pray for those who hurt you and ask God to bless them. Not only will you find the pain start to lessen, you'll be saying one of God's favorite kinds of prayers. It's exactly how Jesus prayed while on the Cross.

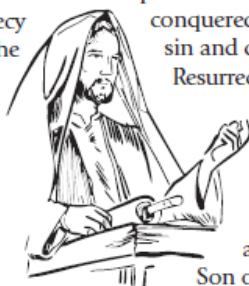
## from Scripture

**Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Jesus teaches in the synagogue**

In this passage, Jesus returned home to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue. He read the prophecy of Isaiah about the advent of the Messiah, who would come to "bring glad tidings to the poor." Then he said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He confirmed that he was the long-awaited Messiah.

His hearers must have been shocked. They expected the Messiah to be a worldly king from an important city, not a carpenter-turned-preacher from a small town like Nazareth. They expected this Messiah-king to defeat the

oppressive Romans and make Israel a powerful nation. Instead, Jesus conquered the powerful enemies of sin and death by his Death and Resurrection.



Throughout the Bible, God chose unlikely heroes to carry out his plan: think of Abraham, Moses, David, St. Peter, St. Paul, and many others. Jesus, the

Son of God, came to earth as a newborn infant and lived in humility, poverty, and service. The Good News is that God's love is stronger than sin and death. If he rose to glory, those who follow him will, too.

## Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 2 – St. Gregory Nazianzen (389). Born in Cappadocia, Turkey, St. Gregory was awarded the title of "The Theologian" for his faithfulness and eloquence. Preferring the quiet life of a monk, he was unwillingly made a bishop of Sasima by his friend, St. Basil the Great. With St. Basil and St. Gregory of Nyssa, St. Gregory helped clarify the Church's teachings about the Holy Trinity.

Jan. 3 – Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. We honor Jesus' name, which means, "God saves," and refers to his mission as Savior (Matthew 1:21). Jesus is

"the name above all names," at which "every knee should bend ..." (Philippians 2:10).

Jan. 5 – St. John Neumann (1860). The first American bishop to be canonized was born in the present-day Czech Republic in 1811. St. John traveled to New York as a missionary before becoming bishop of Philadelphia. He built up the Catholic school system and established diocesan schools. He also built more than 89 churches, several hospitals and orphanages.



## Q & A What is a "holy hour?"

A "holy hour" is a devotion during which one sets aside an hour for prayer and meditation before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Try these ideas to



make a holy hour:

Find a tabernacle with a lit sanctuary lamp. The lamp signifies the presence of Christ. Silence yourself both interiorly and exteriorly. Clear your mind of daily stresses or

outside distractions.

Start the conversation. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you, then make acts of faith, hope and charity. Tell God how you believe, trust and love him. Ask for more faith, hope and love.

Adore God. Rather than recite prayers, focus on adoration. God is all powerful, all good, more beautiful than we can imagine, and more real than the distractions on which we focus.

Imagine Christ sitting with you. It's not your love for God, but his for you that saves. God delights in the company of his children (Proverbs 8:31). If you can't pray, then just be with him. That itself is a prayer pleasing to God.

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**Focus on Religious Freedom**  
 From Catholics for Freedom of Religion  
[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

**Religious Freedom Day - Coming Soon!**

"Faith is embedded in the history, spirit, and soul of our Nation. On Religious Freedom Day, we celebrate the many faiths that make up our country, and we commemorate the anniversary of the passing of the State Law that shaped and secured our cherished legacy of religious liberty.

**"Our forefathers, seeking refuge from religious persecution, believed in the eternal truth that freedom is not a gift from government, but a sacred right from Almighty God.** On the coattails of the American Revolution, on January 16, 1786, the Virginia General Assembly passed the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom.... these principles served as the inspiration for the First Amendment.

"Today, Americans from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds remain steadfast in a commitment to the inherent values of faith, honesty, integrity, and patriotism. Our Constitution and laws guarantee Americans the right not just to believe as they see fit, but to freely exercise their religion." (excerpts from Pres. Trump's 2018 Proclamation on Religious Freedom Day)

**Unfortunately, much of the world does not experience America's religious freedoms.**

- \* 24% of the world's countries have serious restrictions on religious freedoms.
- \* 74% of the world's population lives in these countries.
- \* 80% of people worldwide hold a religious belief.

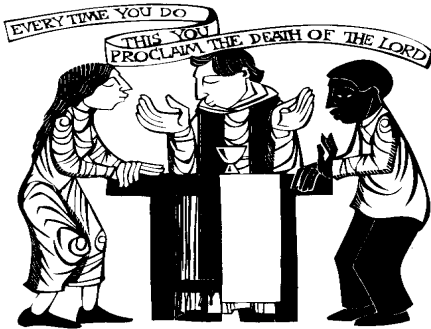
**The suppression of religious freedom and freedom of expression can lead to violence. Respect for religious freedom reinforces respect for freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly.**

(federalregister.gov; state.gov; lds.org; aclu.org)

***"A robust freedom is ... the freedom to live one's religion or belief in a legal, political, and social environment that is tolerant, respectful, and accommodating of diverse beliefs."*** Elder D.Todd Christofferson, Church of LDS



## MASS INTENTIONS for the week of January 5



### Saturday – January 5, 2019

#### *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*

- 5:00 PM – Mary Palermo (by the Luciano family)  
 -Victor & Frances Cartelli (by Michael & Gladys Cartelli)  
 -Reginald Ballantyne (by C. Komarnicki)  
 -Andrew Joseph Catinella, Sr. (by wife, Carmel & family)  
 -Anna Marcoccia (by Marilena Martinovic & family, Rita Limongelli & family)

### Sunday – January 6, 2019

- 8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish  
 In the missions”  
 -Lee Giordano (by the family)  
 -Frances Chiusano (by the family)  
 -Maria Suppa (by Fran & Rich Comito)  
 -Deceased members of the Araya & Molina families (by the family)  
 10:00 AM – Maria Machado Dantas (by Elaine McLaughlin)  
 11:30 AM – Helen Charley (by the Mannarino family)  
 -In the missions:  
 -Mansour Alhijazin (by the family)  
 -Andrew Acierno (by Lisa Mandolino)

### Monday – January 7, 2019

- 9:00 AM – For the Souls in Purgatory (by Ellen Weglarz)  
 In the missions:  
 -For the intentions of Freda Cantwell (by Fran Burgdorf)



### Tuesday – January 8, 2019

- 9:00 AM – Terry & Larry Wachter (by Janet Diamond & family)  
 In the missions:  
 -Stephanie Gute (by Mary Ellen Graham)

### Wednesday – January 9, 2019

- 9:00 AM – Terry & Larry Wachter (by Janet Diamond & family)

### Thursday – January 10, 2019

- 9:00 AM – Andrew Acierno (by Catherine & John Shatel)  
 In the missions:  
 -For the intentions of Pat Cotugno (by Fran Burgdorf)

### Friday – January 11, 2019

- 9:00 AM – Bill Diamond (by Janet Diamond & family)  
 -Maureen Reilly (by the Reilly family)  
 -For the intentions of Margaret & Pat Lavin (by Freda Cantwell)

### Saturday – January 12, 2019

#### *Anticipated Mass for Sunday*

- 5:00 PM – Kevin Shay (by the Mannarino family)  
 -Virginia Fink (by Nancy & Carl Laurino)  
 -Julia Cianca (by Louis Cianca & family)  
 -Reginald Ballantyne (by Elizabeth Dick)  
 -Edward Kolalowski (by Nadine Moir)  
 -For the intentions of Cecilia Kapela (by Nadine Moir)

### Sunday – January 13, 2019

- 8:30 AM – Lee Giordano (by the family)  
 10:00 AM – Genevieve & Charles Faul, Sr. (by Gloria Gregory)  
 In the missions:  
 -Cristofaro Scaccia (by the Maiale family)  
 11:30 AM – For the People of the Parish  
 In the missions:  
 -Mansour Alhijazin (by the family)  
 -Isidoro M. Santana (by the family)



**SOMETHING FROM DEACON JOHN**

1. The first ball to be dropped in New York's Times Square happened in what year? In 1908, 1925 or 1938?
2. On January 1, 1971 what kind of commercials were banned from American television? Car sales ads that feature children, liquor ads or cigarette ads?
3. According to southern US beliefs, to make a New Years resolution stick one must do what while making it? Be inside a church, be engaged or newly widowed or divorced or be at death's door?
4. What famous Frank was born in Bayonne, NJ on January 1, 1938? Frank Sinatra, Frank Langella or Coach Frank Beamer?
5. On New Year's Eve, 1985, this celebrity died in a plane crash. Who was it? David Brinkley, Wolfman Jack or Ricky Nelson?



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
*...bringing hope for a better future to people in need.*

*Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.*

**(516) 334-6288 ext. 18**

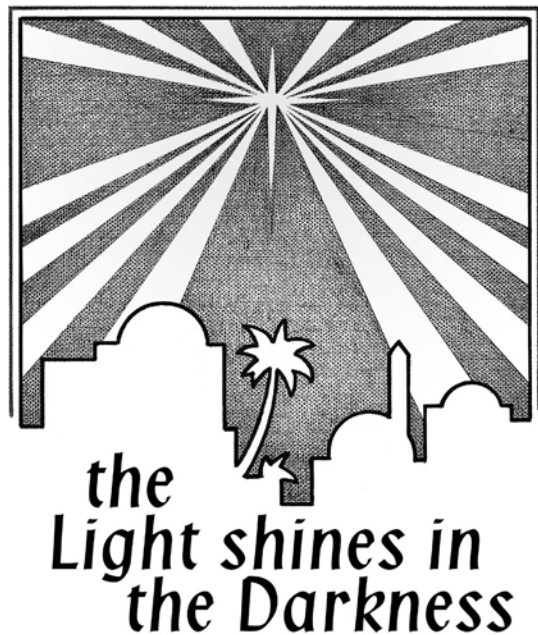
**Our Lady of Hope Parish Library**

Please visit the Library, located in the front, right stairwell of the Church. If you have a question about your faith, you can find the answer in many of the library's titles. There are books on meditation and spiritual healing. The video collection contains lives of the saints and other religious subjects.

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**KING KULLEN RECEIPTS**

Please save your register tapes from King Kullen in Garden City Park. 1% of your purchases are donated to the parish. Proceeds from register receipts are forwarded to various charities through the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of Our Lady of Hope.



**Holy Hour**



Thursday's at 1 pm



**Miraculous Medal Novena**



Tuesday's after the 9am Mass



## Courtesy Announcements

*The following are published as courtesies for a two-week period as space allows. They are not an endorsement of any functions or persons. If there are any difficulties or problems experienced with any ad, please call the Church Office so that we can remove the ad immediately. We apologize for any typographical errors.*

### FIRST NOTICE

HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS-Fr. Edward Dowling's wonderful books of our *Sunday Gospel Reflections* are available for you to read anytime! His collection of homilies are for everyone who would like to be better acquainted with the Sunday readings. Wonderful and thorough, these books are an absolute treasure! **Three volume set is \$25.** Please contact Tam Musella [tmmc4me@aol.com](mailto:tmmc4me@aol.com) or 790-7778.

BALLOONS BY DESIGN-decorate your next event with balloons. Communions, Graduations, Birthdays, Showers. Table centerpieces, arches, floor displays and much more. Contact OLH parishioner Margie Fiorillo at 445-0831. 10% of Balloon by Design's profit will be donated to Our Lady of Hope.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER-Give the gift of time and yourself to your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are February 8-10, 2019 in Huntington and April 26-28, 2019 in Huntington. For more information call John & Toni Torio at 877 697-9963 or [www.menyli.org](http://www.menyli.org)

DO YOU NEED TO FULFILL YOUR MARRIAGE PREP REQUIREMENT?-Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception on February 8, 9 & 10. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631 563-1032.

THE NEW TAX LAW-presented by Rogg & Kejrival, LLP Wednesday, January 9, 6:30pm registration, 7pm presentation. No cost, light refreshments. 208 Stonehinge Lane, CP. RSVP by January 7, call Allison 338-6884 x205.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE, ROME, ST. PIO'S & ASSISI-sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group. May 15-26, 2019. Cost=\$3,999 which includes; round trip airfare from NY, 10 nights in 4 star hotels, breakfast & dinner with wine daily, sightseeing, admission fees and daily Mass. For more information call Penny Abbruzzese at 516 644-8421.

### SECOND NOTICE

APARTMENT FOR RENT-CP, 2nd floor, 1 bedroom, close to all-LIRR, bus, shopping, church, restaurants. Available 1/1/19. Please call 516 778-3789.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT IN OUR DIOCESE-Please visit our helpful website: [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org). Simply click on the word **Bereavement** on the bar in the middle of the home page and then click on **Support groups available**

**now** and you will find: Monthly & weekly support groups, groups for children, memorial programs, Help for the Holidays, Conferences and much more. Or for more information call Kathleen Logan, Bereavement Coordinator, 516 678-5800 ext. 236.

PROJECT INDEPENDENCE-Senior Transportation Program for all Town of North Hempstead residents age 60 and over for non-emergency medical visits and food shopping. Registration required. Call 311 or 869-6311 and get your Project Independence membership card. Shopping service is free, taxi rides to the doctor, dentist or treatment center are at half price. Call for brochure and more information.

STEADFAST CAREGIVERS-provides home companion services to seniors and home-bound adults. Our home care professionals are comprehensively screened, bonded, insured and monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure the highest quality care and companionship. Whether you need care on an hourly or live-in basis, Steadfast Caregivers offers affordable care. We offer a free and confidential in home assessment and are happy to answer any questions. 516 747-0570.

MEALS ON WHEELS-EAC Network program is available to individuals 60 years and older in Westbury, Carle Place and New Cassel. The basic requirements are; living alone, no longer driving and have a limited support system. 516 539-0150 ext. 219.

EAC NETWORK'S IN-HOME RESPITE PROGRAM-is a not for profit social service agency that provides respite for caregivers of the elderly in Nassau County. This service provides 2-6 hours of in-home companion care/week, serve any Nassau County resident caring for an adult 60 or older and companions are screened and trained. Call 539-0150 ext 215 or Christine ext 218 to find out more about the program.

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### ANSWERS TO DEACON JOHN'S QUESTIONS

1. 1908
2. Cigarette ads
3. Be at death's door
4. Actor Frank Langella
5. Entertainer Ricky Nelson