Bur Lady of Hope Church



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am Holy Days as announced Weekday Mass Schedule-Mon to Fri 9:00 Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday at 4:00 pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 3rd Sunday at 1:00 pm. Please register in advance. There is a Baptismal Preparation Class on the last Sunday of alternating months after the 10:00 am Mass. Parents must attend the class prior to the child's baptism. Godparents are welcome.

Godparent Pre-Requisites - Godparents must be practicing Catholics in good standing, 16 years of age or older, Baptized and Confirmed Catholic.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

The Church provides certain times and preparation for weddings. Please contact the Church Office at least nine months in advance to begin the process.

CARE OF THE SICK

Please notify the Church Office when someone is seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.

534 Broadway • Carle Place, NY 11514-1712 Tel 516.334.6288 • Fax 516.997.4622 www.olhope.org • secretary@olhope.org Pastor Rev. Thomas V. Arnao, J.C.D. Deacons Thomas B. Rich, Raymond J. Tirelli, Patrick J. Dunphy

> Sunday Priests Rev. Edward Dowling, SJ

Staff

Rei Cornelius, Parish Office Manager Mr. Raymond Henderson, Liturgical Music Director Mrs. Anne Lonegan, Coordinator of Religious Education

OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office 334.6288

Mon to Fri 9:30 am to 4:00 pm, Sat 9 am to 2 pm Sunday closed

Religious Education Office 334.4781 Email rel-ed@olhope.org See www.olhope.org for more information

St. Brigid / Our Lady of Hope Regional School 333.0580

101 Maple Ave, Westbury, NY 11590 Mr. Paul Clagnaz, Principal

St. Vincent de Paul Society 334.6288 x 18

REGISTRATION

Every family and person within the parish is encouraged to register with the Church Office.

ON BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact the Church Office at 334.6288.

<u>PRAYER</u>

Novena Tues after 9:00 am Mass Rosary after each weekday Mass Holy Hour Thurs 1:00 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of Our Lady of Hope, commit ourselves to continue the mission of Jesus Christ, to proclaim His Gospel, and to love one another as He loves us. We are a welcoming community of faith, guided by the Holy Spirit and centered on God's Word and the Eucharist. Through the Sacraments, prayer, and the stewardship of our God-given gifts, we provide opportunities to grow closer to God and to serve members of the community.



Our Lady of Hope This Week

THE RISEN CHRIST SEEKS TO TRANSFORM AND REDEEM OUR LIVES

The resurrection of the Lord is the highest of all feasts—the day in which we celebrate the truth that Jesus conquers and redeems every darkness of life, even death itself. Truly this is a day of rejoicing! For even when events are unclear to us—when we do not understand what we see before us, like those who saw the empty tomb—we can



first day of the week ... Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

St. Augustine once said: "...our hearts are restless until they rest in you." (Confessions I, 1) He made this statement based on his own irrepressible longings and unspeakable yearnings for peace and for meaning in his life. What he could not find on his own—and he searched far and wide—he found in someone far greater than himself: the person of Christ. May this Easter afford each of you

John 20:1, NRSV

be confident in the words and promises of God.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, we hear Peter proclaiming the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Paul's Letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul says if we've been raised with Christ we should seek the things of God; he reminds us that Jesus' resurrection transforms and redeems our whole lives. In John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene—upon arriving at the tomb and realizing that the stone had been rolled away—runs to Simon Peter and John to tell them that Jesus' body had been taken. They both go to the tomb, and while neither yet understands the Scripture that Jesus *had to rise from the dead*, John sees and believes.

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Last Sunday's collection 4/14/19	\$10,620.26		
Same Last Year	\$7,783.15		
Weekly amount needed	\$9,456.00		
Shortfall	none		
Attendance 4/14/19	975		
Same Last Year (Easter)	430		
Thank you for your generosity in returning to God some of what He has given you.			

the opportunity to find peace, hope, promise and love in the risen Lord!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Christ rose from the dead—we must not become complacent in our faith! Christ's victory over sin and death gives us the energy we need to go forth and proclaim the Gospel. There are many of our brothers and sisters on Long Island who have not heard God's Word, or have heard it but the pains and lies of the world pulled them away. We need to reach out to everyone and, as Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, see "the face of Christ" in them.



2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL			
Goal	\$51,900		
Pledged	\$43,976		
Paid	\$33,718		
% of Goal pledged	85%		
% of Goal paid	65%		
Donors	132		

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Have a happy, safe, and Blessed Easter!

First Holy Communion Rehearsals for Communicants only begin on Monday, April 29 at 5pm for the 9:30am ceremony and Tuesday, April 30 at 5pm for the 11:30am ceremony. Banners are due at the first rehearsal. Parent/child rehearsals are on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30pm for the 9:30am ceremony and Thursday, May 2 at 6:30pm for the 11:30am ceremony.

All Mass Reflections required according to each level are past due. Please submit the final ones this week. All students with outstanding work will be notified. Please submit the final ones this week or 27 in Midura Hall, Our Lady of Hope Church. Padplacement is in jeopardy.

Registration for students entering First Grade in September will be held during the week of May 13. A letter will be sent soon to all registered families. If interested in enrolling your child, first visit the Church Office to register your family in the parish. Also, as we look to next year, we are in need of teachers for Levels 1, ROSARY SOCIETY 2, 3, & 5. Please contact the Rel Ed office for more information (334-4781.)

Reminder to Catechists to submit your Evaluations by June 1!

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 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.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY

Liturgy honoring couples married fifty years or more on Sunday, May 5 at 2:30pm at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa. Please come to our church office for a registration form to be signed by our pastor, Fr. Arnao and mail to the Office of Faith Formation by April 15. There will be reserved seating for the couples only and family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis. After the liturgy you will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate. For questions please call 678-5800 ext. 506.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus Westbury Council 1012 invites you to a Night at the Races on Saturday, April dock opens at 6:30pm-Post Time at 7pm. Admission is \$15, children under 8 are free. The evening includes hero sandwiches and salads. Beverages available at a nominal cost. Elevator handicap accessible. Call Steve Fleming 946-6968 or Tom Oftring 997-8278 for reservations, by Monday April 22.

All Rosarians are invited to be participants at our Installation Mass on May 6 at 6pm. Come to witness Fr. Arnao's love of our Blessed Mother and his words of encouragement for our support of Our Lady of Hope Church. Immediately following this beautiful service, we will gather for a delicious dinner at the Harvest Diner. Your check of \$26, payable to OLH Rosary Society must be received by Tuesday, 4/23.

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.

OUR LADY OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

At this time, the Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- ► Cookies-<u>chocolate chip</u>
- ▶ Vegetables-corn and peas needed

▶ Jarred tomato sauce & canned tomatoes

Thank you for your increased donations during the Lenten season.

We wish you all a very blessed Easter!

The Food Pantry Staff

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Let us pray...

FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN UNIFORM

Steven J. LaRosa, USMC, Michael B. Kilgannon, USAF, AC1 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, LT Joe Wengler, US Navy.

D = Deployed

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED...

especially the four Marines who gave their lives serving our country in Afghanistan.



Sanctuary Candle



Rose for Life

\$15

\$5



Altar Bread & Wine

In memory of the O'Leary, Tighe & Beh family -by the family

MINISTERS AT MASSES April 27 & 28					
	7:30pm	8:30am	10am	11:30am	
PRESIDER	Fr. Blake	Fr. Tomaz	Fr. Dowling, SJ	Fr. Arnao	
LECTOR	J. Stein	L. Masucci	D. Oreste	D. Restivo	
ALTAR SERVERS	A. Libonati F. Libonati	D. Barbour A. Kubovic	A. Mastrangelo M. McCarthy	V. Natalie G. Winter	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	F. Stein R. Scott G. So Volunteer needed Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	D. Evans M. Evans P. Kelly B. Kilgannon J. Blum B. O'Donnell	R. Sewnauth E. Kelly J. Messina R. Reilly M. Schultz J. Waters	M. Cecere B. Dunphy E. DiFrisco P. Wilde J. Wilde Volunteer needed	
MUSIC MINISTERS	Cantor/Organ		Cantor/Organ	Cantor/Organ	

Maria Acierno, Mary Alba, Elvia Aleman, Ronald Aman, Eleanor Angelis, Yvonne Angeles, Maya Annunziato, Mikey Armand, Jeanne (Porcelli) Aroyo, Anthony Barbera, Concetta Basso, Vincenzia Berasti, Susan Blum, 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, Patricia Gioffre, Donna Girardi, Susan Goode, Emily Grimm, Mary Lou Hickey, Art Howell, Helen Jara, Jacqueline Klein, Sue Klein, Barbara Knapp, Tom Knapp, Susan Goglia Kopas, Dorothy Kuchler, Marietta Lettau, Lois Lewis, Raymond Licata, John Malavolta, Sherrie Mayzie, John McDonald, Elaine Medoro, Maria Merz, Logan Molinari, Heather Morella, Baby Viviana Mortellaro, 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, Alex Salvaggio, Sara Sammartino, Rosa Santos, John Saunders, Joseph Schaefer, Maureen Schroeder, Randy J. Smith, Mark Sterlacci, Sr., Darrell Stone, Nancy Tandi, Kerri Taylor, Florence Theroux, Joan Thue, James Tirone, Marie Tricarico, Rose Unquhaver, Flo Vaccaro, Christopher Velez, Joseph Vigotty, 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.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR ON THE INCREASED GIVING CAMPAIGN

I would like to again thank all of you for your thoughtful response to our recent increased offering appeal. I am grateful to you for your continued support and prayers for our parish.

I feel that this program has strengthened our parish community and has offered promise for fiscal stability and the care of our Church. Together, we can accomplish great things. Please continue to pray for the success of our effort. For my part, I assure you that I will always strive to be a wise steward, and to be prudent in managing the financial affairs of our parish.

If you have not already taken part in the Increased Offering Campaign, we welcome your participation and increased giving. Please contact the church office if you need envelopes, if you need to register or want information on We Share, our electronic giving program.

Each day, as I offer Mass for you, I do so with a heart full of gladness and thanksgiving. May God grant you every blessing!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas V. Arnao Pastor

P.S. These days many of us pay our recurring obligations such as mortgage and car payments using automatic payments. *If you are currently giving via electronic giving, thank you!* However, if you are not registered, this convenient opportunity is available to you for your regular parish support. Information regarding this option may be found on our website www.olhope.org.



EASTER 2019

Dear Friends:

As we celebrate Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday and, indeed, the entire Easter Season on Long Island, we remember the power of the Risen Christ so eloquently captured in the Resurrection narratives of the four Gospels.

These Resurrection accounts put us in the presence of the Risen Lord and open us up to his power. These narratives reveal the Risen Christ's glorified wounds.

The light that streams from the glorified wounds of the Risen Jesus touch the wounds of the Church, the wounds of survivors of clergy sexual abuse, the wounds of our families and the wounds of the human family.

The power of the Risen Christ rolls back the stones of spiritual inertia and lukewarmness from our hearts, so that we can embrace a new and compelling spiritual vitality and commitment to advance *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island and beyond.

It is my role as your Bishop, as your successor to the Apostles on Long Island, and as your servant, to be a teacher of prayer. Every Pastoral Letter, every Catholic Faith Network *Encounter* program, every YouTube video, and every Twitter message I share with you, is designed to open us all to a deeper spirit of prayer, holiness and evangelization.

In my 2019 Lenten Letter, <u>www.bishopbarreslentletter2019.org</u>, *Encounter* program link: <u>https://voutu.be/AY_wYWE3b90</u> I asked us all to recommit ourselves to being deeply biblical Catholics who embrace daily *lectio divina*, the prayerful, daily reading and praying of Sacred Scripture.

In this 2019 Easter Letter, I am asking all of us to recommit to a period of daily silent mental prayer, a simple, heart to heart conversation with God. St. John Vianney, the holy Curé of Ars and patron saint of all Catholic priests, wrote: "Prayer is nothing but union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, he is given a kind of serenity and sweetness that makes him ecstatic, a light that surrounds him with marvelous brightness."

In our current noise-addicted and social-media addicted culture, it can seem almost impossible to commit to a serious period of silence and mental prayer each day.

In the past, we may have tried to be faithful and consistent to mental prayer but found we could not sustain it. We may have given up or become so discouraged that we no longer believe that we could ever be serious about mental prayer. Father Walter Ciszek, S.J. (1904-1984), was a Polish-American Jesuit priest who was imprisoned for more than twenty years for doing missionary work in the Soviet Union. His cause for canonization is currently underway in Rome.

Father Ciszek wrote a memoir of his spiritual journey in which he explains how prayer saved him through his years in prison, in solitary confinement, and even in the Gulag. In the book He Leadeth Me, he makes the connection between deep faith and deep prayer: "We cannot pray as if we were talking to the empty air; so in the very act of praying we unconsciously remind ourselves of the reality and the presence of God, thereby strengthening our belief in him ... Without faith, our lives are just so many empty and boring routines, hollow at the core, as day succeeds day with little sense of meaning or feeling of accomplishment. With faith, however, even the most boring and routine action of every day has merit and significance for us – and for the kingdom of God."

And so, each Easter, we all together humble ourselves and begin again. The power of the Risen Christ allows us a new beginning and opens us up to new vistas of conversion and spiritual growth.

St. Peter of Alcantara (1499-1562) was a Spanish Franciscan friar who lived in the 1500's and was a master of spirituality. Consider what this great saint said about how mental prayer transforms our lives: "In mental prayer the soul is purified from its sins, nourished with charity, confirmed in faith, and strengthened in hope; the mind expands, the affections dilate, the heart is purified, truth becomes evident; temptation is conquered, sadness dispelled; the senses are renovated; drooping powers revive; tepidity ceases; the rust of vices disappears. Out of mental prayer issues forth, like living sparks, those desires of heaven which the soul conceives when inflamed with the fire of divine love. Sublime is the excellence of mental prayer, great are its privileges; to mental prayer heaven is opened; to mental prayer heavenly secrets are manifested and the ear of God ever attentive."

This Easter, may the power of the Risen Christ and the Gospel Resurrection narratives open us to the Holy Spirit expanding the height, depth and breadth of our daily mental prayer and our capacity for contemplative concentration.

May each one of us embrace our call as baptized Catholic Christians to not only pray at a deep level ourselves, but also to teach others to pray as well.

May the Holy Spirit continue to raise up contemplative missionary saints on Long Island!

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Aph O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School



DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS: Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

The reviews are in: This year's Drama Club production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* was a triumph of epic proportions! The show was directed and choreographed by Mrs. Dominica Milton. Audiences delighted in the enchanting story of a magical transformation and dreams that come true!



MASS INTENTIONS for the week of April 20



Saturday – April 20, 2019

Anticipated Mass for Sunday
9:00 AM – Morning Prayer
7:30 PM – Easter Vigil – For the People of the Parish

Sunday – April 21, 2019

8:30 AM – Easter Flower Fund 10:00 AM – Easter Flower Fund 11:30 AM – Easter Flower Fund

Monday – April 22, 2019

9:00 AM – Lottie & Walter Skipka (by the Light family) In the missions: -John Walsh (by Peter & Phyllis Walsh)

Tuesday – April 23, 2019

9:00 AM – Andrew Acierno (by Elena & Aleida Santana)

Wednesday – April 24, 2019

9:00 AM – For the intentions of Tommy & Molly Weglarz (by Fr. Arnao)

Thursday – April 25, 2109

9:00 AM – Thomas Parissidi (by Fr. Arnao)

Friday – April 26, 2019

9:00 AM – Frances Chiusano (by the family) -For the intentions of Philip Quiambao (by Dorothy & Chris Colgan) -Roberto Berasti (by Ida Marasco & family)

Saturday – April 27, 2019

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00 PM – David T. Lagnese (by his father, Ottavio T. Lagnese)

-Marie Wachter (by George Rottkamp III & family)

- -Thomas Robert Fitzpatrick (by Wendy Plaut)
- -Gene Parker (by George Rottkamp)
- -Anne Powell (by Grace Dominique & Giuseppe)
- -Jacqueline Nevins (by Kenneth & Ruth Warner)

Sunday – April 28, 2019

8:30 AM - People of the Parish

- In the missions:
- -Lee Giordano (by the family)
- 10:00 AM George Pammer, Jr. (by Lisa Puliga) In the missions:
 - -Roberto Berasti (by the Martelo family)
- 11:30 AM Peggy Wilde (by Lucy & John Acierno) In the missions:

-Andrew Acierno (by Anna Gagliardi)

-Marrinan, McGovern & White families (by the family)





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SOMETHING FROM DEACON JOHN

- 1. According to a survey, what part of the chocolate bunny do most American's eat first? The tail, the ears or the feet?
- 2. Eggs have been dyed for centuries. What was the most commonly used color? Red, yellow or blue?
- 3. Where did the word Easter come from? The name of an Egyptian deity, the name of a river or the name of a spring goddess?
- 4. What tradition started in 1878? The White House Egg Roll, the Easter Parade or the Egg Toss?
- 5. People often baked on Good Friday. What did they believe of the bread baked on this day? It would bring good luck, it would never go moldy or it could cure diseases?

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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.

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 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 800 950-9952.

WESTBURY COUNCIL 1012 SCHOLARSHIP

The Westbury Council of the Knights of Columbus is currently accepting applications for its Annual Scholarship Award. The scholarship is available to 8th grade students who are children or grandchildren of members in good standing (dues paid) of the Westbury Council and who will be attending a Catholic High School in the fall of 2019. New candidates for membership who are installed by April 30 will qualify their child or grandchild's application for consideration of an award. Applications and instructions can be found on our website www.kofc1012.org. Any questions, please contact Tom Oftring at 997-8278 or email oftring@hotmail.com. All applications must be received by the council no later than April 30.



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

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the Disciples we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection.

(516) 334-6288 ext. 18

Our Lady of Hope Parish Library

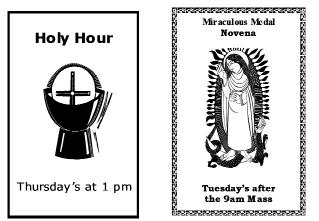
Please visit the Library, located in the front, right stairwell of the Church. If you have a question about your faith, you can find the answer in many of the library's titles. There are books on meditation and spiritual healing. The video collection contains lives of the saints and other religious subjects.



Have you purchased your "Mother's Day" raffle tickets yet?

They are \$25 each 6 for \$100 and available in the church office.

The drawing will be Sunday, May 12. You have to be in it to win it! Thank you for your support of our church!



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.

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 or 790-7778.

FIRST NOTICE

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.

FATIMA DAY-MONDAY, May 13 Shrine of Our Lady of the Island. 10am Procession & prayer, 11:30am Mass, 1:30pm Presentation and 3pm Holy Hour. For more information call 631 325-0661.

2019 SUMMER CAMPS & COURSES-Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Syosset. Basketball, Business Skills, College Essay Prep, Creative writing, Cross

Country, Dance, Intro to Coding, Lacrosse, SAT Prep, Science Research, Soccer, Softball Pitching Clinic, Theatre, Volleyball. For information call 921-1756 www.olma.org

SECOND NOTICE

HOLY TRINITY DIOCESAN HS INFORMATION SESSION-This event is intended for middle school students who would like more information about the Catholic high school admissions process, how to go about visiting high schools, and scholarship and financial aid processes. You will also have the opportunity to learn about Holy Trinity and what makes us unique from other high schools. Tuesday, April 16, 7pm 98 Cherry Lane, Hicksville. RSVp at www.holytrinityhs.org.

ST. GIANNA MASS FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES-Saturday, April 27, 5pm at St. Agnes Cathedral. Most Rev. John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre presiding. Part of the liturgy will include a blessing in thanksgiving for those celebrating, hoping for and expecting the gift of a child. Reception at the Pastoral Center at 6pm with speaker, Dr. Anne Nolte, Co-founder of the National Gianna Center. RSVP by April 19. 678-5800

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND-WLNY ch 10/55 at 7am & WRNN ch 48 at 8am. Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who



cannot get to church to tune in to Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT IN OUR DIOCESE-Please visit our helpful website: 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 Coor-

dinator, 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 homebound 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-



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.

RELIGION AND ROCK -Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7am-8am on WBAB 102.3FM or 95.3FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is *"Triumph"* don't miss it! www.religionandrock.com

ANSWERS TO DEACON JOHN'S QUESTIONS

- 1. The ears are first
- 2. Red, to symbolize the blood of Christ
- 3. The name of a spring goddess-Eastre
- 4. The White House Egg Roll on the South Lawn
- 5. It would never go moldy and it would ward off fires and keep rats out of the grain