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

JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISES GOD HAS MADE TO THE HOUSE OF DAVID

Today's readings remind us that in Christ Jesus, God has been faithful to the promises He made to His Chosen People. Our salvation in Christ is how we are reconciled back to God, who created us and loves us.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD



Isaiah prophesies a sign for Israel: *The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son* who will embody God's redemptive presence with His people. Paul, recalling his own apostolic calling, writes that the Gentiles are also *called to belong to Jesus Christ.* In the Gospel, the Lord's angel comes to Joseph in a dream and reveals the circumstances of Mary's pregnancy, and what this means.

Joseph obeys the angel's commands.

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

St. Joseph is always a great example of how we should live our lives. Burdened by doubt, he was unaware of what he should do regarding Mary's mysterious pregnancy. However, he was visited by an angel and told what God wanted him to do.





A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Blessed and Holy Christmas! May you

know the company of friends and family and the grace of our newborn Savior in your hearts! I also hope that each and all of you will know the gift of good health in the coming New Year. Many thanks for your generosity to the poor and needy this Advent and Christmas Season: from St. Nicholas Sunday and sock drive to the Giving Tree, to the countless toys donated-your kindness is much appreciated. God bless!

A special word of thanks to all those who gave their time to making our church interior a beautiful worship space for Christmas! Special thanks to: Felice & Jack Stein, Fran Comito, Wayne Welch, Chris Colgan, John Donohue, Steve Fleming, Nicole & John Romandetti and Peter Jackson. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

THE LIGHT OF THE HUMAN RACE, JESUS THE WORD MADE FLESH, DWELLS NOW AMONG US

We are called to give the gift of the Light of Christ to a world buried in darkness. With God's grace we have the power to disperse the darkness.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah calls the people to break out in song for their salvation is at hand. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author speaks of the glory of God and what the Son has accomplished. The first chapter of John's Gospel tells us that Jesus as the Work of God was present in the beginning and He is *the light of the human race*.

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VIRTUS TRAINING-PROTECT OUR CHILDREN!

identifying and preventing child sexual abuse. The THEIR \$45 PAYMENT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY training is required of all diocesan personnel and vol- JANUARY 6. unteers in all parishes.

If you are a volunteer and still need to fulfill this obli-

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.

FOOD PANTRY CHRISTMAS INITIA-TIVE

Thank you for your participation in this program. You always amaze us with your generosity! God bless you all!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

All members of ministries; Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Finance Committee, Ushers, Steering Committee, Young and Adult Altar Servers. Please remember Lady of Hope. to pick up a small token of thanks from the parish. Monday through Friday come to the Church office. On Sunday-they will be in the sacristy. Thank you for all you do! Merry Christmas!

WE SHARE ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available at Our Lady of Hope and it's simple and convenient. Please visit safe. 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.

GIVING TREE AND TOY DONATIONS

Thank you for all your donations to the Giving Tree and the Toy Drive. Through your generosity, we are able to help provide for so many, which includes, Madonna Heights, PS 10x at 817 in the Bronx and the Mental Health Association of Nassau County (serving Veteran's and civilians moving through their recovery from mental issues). Thank you for your unfailing generosity.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosarian Christmas Luncheon will take place at the Lisbon Café, on January 13 at 1pm. ANY ROSAR-Virtus is a program that gives us a specific plan in IAN INTERESTED IN ATTENDING MUST SUBMIT

BAPTISMS AND THE PREPARATION CLASS

gation check the Long Island Catholic or the Diocesan The class for Baptism will be held every other month website, www.drvc.org for training sessions available on the last Sunday of the month at 11am in the lower

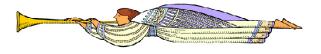
church. The next class scheduled is January 26.

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.

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



OUR LADY OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

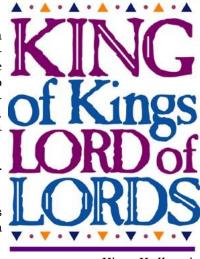
Many thanks to our ever-generous parishioners for their overwhelming response to our Target Gift Card Christmas Program. Your donations truly brightened our families Christmas! The Food Pantry staff appreciates your year-round generosity and wishes you a blessed Christmas and a healthy, joyous New Year!

At this time, the following items are needed:

- Tuna
- Cookies & crackers
- Juice-grape & apple

Merry Christmas! The Food Pantry Staff

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Let us pray...

FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN UNIFORM

LCpl. Joseph T. Hughes, USMC (D), 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 those closest to our hearts.



Sanctuary Candle



Rose for Life



\$5

\$15

Cabral, Eustacia Calderone, Brianna Cardenas, Maria Carrillo, Richard Casella, Gianna Casella, Marcel Chaillol, Joan Clarke,

FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

Judy Clickner, Gina Corleto, Marie Corte, George Costidis, Connie Cote, Lona Cruz, Esther Curran, Dana Day, Peter DeFilippo, Kim DeRidder, Marie DeSimone, Joseph DiBiasi, Elizabeth Dick, Bernard Dicks, May Dong, Hailey Eimer, Joe Farinaro, Alice Feldt, Margaret Flahive, Angelina Fortner, Marie Francis, Grace Franzese, Mario Gaigan, Gerry Georgio, Linda Gildea, Patricia Gioffre, Donna Girardi, Susan Goode, Emily Grimm, Norman Gruenfelder, Bob Harrs, Art Howell, Helen Jara, Patricia & Ralph Keck, Jacqueline Klein, Sue Klein, Barbara Knapp, Tom Knapp, Susan Goglia Kopas, Dorothy Kuchler, Maryann LaSardo, Mary Lou Lavelle, Marietta Lettau, Lois Lewis, Raymond Licata, John Malavolta, Sherrie Mayzie, John McDonald, Elaine Medoro, Maria Merz, Heather Morella, Baby Viviana Mortellaro, Angelina Muzio, Danny Noble, Theresa Noto, Kathleen Opak, Maureen Ostrowski, Angela Pascarella, Rylie Pederson, Antonio Perrino, Ann Peters, Loraine Pino, Joseph Piscitelli, Lorraine Poduch, Victor Praete, Vincent Purcell, Kathleen Rainone, Joel Rivera, Daniel Roche, Nicole Roeder, George Rottkamp, Alex Salvaggio, Rosa Santos, John Saunders, Joseph Schaefer, Maureen Schroeder, Irene Smith, Randy J. Smith, Darrell Stone, Nancy Tandi, Kerri Taylor, Florence Theroux, Joan Thue, James Tirone, Danny Tricarico, Marie Tricarico, Flo Vaccaro, Christopher Velez, Joseph Vigotty, Tommy Waters, Frank Wetmore, Maureen Wotten, Sondra Yannone, Rose Youngblood, Joe Zimmatore

Maria Acierno, Mary Alba, Elvia Aleman, Ronald Aman, Eleanor

Broyles, Fran Burgdorf, Peter Burkhardt, Giuseppe Burro, Diana

Angelis, Yvonne Angeles, Maya Annunziato, Mikey Armand, Jeanne (Porcelli) Aroyo, Anthony Barbera, Concetta Basso, Vincenzia Berasti, Susan Blum, Deborah Bourassa, Dylan Braun, Mary

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

Altar Bread & Wine



In memory of Pasquale N. Bavaro -by the family

MINISTERS AT MASSES December 28 & 29								
	5:00pm	8:30am	10am	11:30am				
PRESIDER	Msgr. Michael	Fr. Dowling, SJ	Fr. Blake	Fr. Arnao				
LECTOR	L. Masucci	D. Oreste	J. Stein	B. Ruth				
ALTAR SERVERS	C. Ferrandina	V. Natalie D. Weilert	C. DeOliveira C. DeOliveira	A. Mastrangelo M. McCarthy				
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	D. Auguston F. Barbuto L. Heller Volunteer needed Volunteer needed Volunteer needed	L. Boone N. Boone M. O'Leary B. O'Donnell A. Rich P. Schaefer	F. Stein J. Messina R. Reilly M. Schultz J. Winter R. Winter	M. Cecere B. Dunphy E. DiFrisco A. Santana E. Santana <i>Volunteer needed</i>				
MUSIC MINISTERS	Cantor/Organ		Cantor/Organ	Cantor/Organ				

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year!

Congratulations to our Christmas Pageant cast members, parents, volunteers, and Annemarie Federlein for a beautiful Nativity performance. Thank you so much for all your hard work!

We will celebrate the **Three Kings on Sunday, January 5 at the 10am Family Mass**. All **Level 1** students are expected to attend. Hospitality will be provided by the Religious Education office in Msgr Midura Hall immediately following Mass. All Level 1 students who have submitted all their Mass Attendance cards will receive a certificate and a prize during hospitality.

Level 1 will begin their classes the week of January 6. Class assignments have been mailed home.

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

Students: For students in Level 6, 7, and 8--if you have outstanding work, all work must be completed in order to be eligible for confirmation. **All outstanding work may be submitted in the box outside the office.** If you have any questions you can leave a message at 334-4781 and rel-ed@olhope.org. We will respond as soon as possible.



MINISTERS AT MASSES December 24 & 25									
	4pm upper	4pm lower	5:30pm	10pm	9:00am	11am			
LECTOR	N. Moir	S. Buffolino	P. Varol	D. Oreste	B. Kilgannon	K. Franqueiro			
ALTAR SERVERS	M. McCarthy G. Winter E. Johnson					A. Libonati F. Libonati			
EUCHARIS- TIC MINISTERS	L. Smith N. Moir J. Blum	A. Lonegan 2 Volunteers needed	P. Kelly E. Kelly	J. Wilde P. Wilde	2 Volunteers needed	F. Stein B. Dunphy			
MUSIC	Youth Choir/ Organ	Cantor/ Organ	Cantor/ Organ	Adult Choir/ Organ	Organ	Cantor/ Organ			



Please note-Not all masses have been covered. If you are attending a mass that is not filled, please step up and volunteer. It is not necessary to notify the office. Altar Servers are needed at most masses EXCEPT the 4pm in the upper church and 11am on Christmas Day. Thank you for your service to our church and don't forget to pick up your Christmas gift in the office!



Merry Christmas!



Christmas 2019

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

In his December 1, 2019 Apostolic Letter Admirabile Signum: On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene, Our Holy Father Pope Francis writes:

"The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture...I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares.

Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety. It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be discovered and revived."

The Holy Father captures so poignantly how we creatively share our Catholic faith generation to generation through the Nativity sets and creches that bring Christ's light and love into our homes, our parishes and our public squares.

He also captures how the poor, the outcast, the ignored, the forgotten and the vulnerable have a privileged place in every Nativity scene: "The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, 'gentle and humble in heart' (Mt 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod's palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized."

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas and the power and presence of the Prince of Peace in our families, in the Church and in the World, we realize at the same time that the Christmas Crib can never be separated from the agony of Calvary's Cross.

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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

> Even as we rejoice this Christmas of 2019, we remember and stand with the poor, the hungry, the addicted, the mentally ill, the global refugees and non-documented immigrants, and survivors of sexual abuse.

> As we pray before the Christmas manger and see the beauty, the hope, the possibility in the birth of Jesus, we are compelled to remember that far too many children do not receive the welcome and joy they deserve for the miracle of their existence.

> We cannot forget this Christmas season the great sadness that New York State, through the passage of the horrific Reproductive Health Act¹, has enshrined into law the killing of innocent human beings through abortion up until the moment of actual birth and beyond, as this radical law permits the killing of those children who survive abortion.

> Together, we invoke the power of the Prince of Peace and His compassionate Word found in the Beatitudes and in His call to serve the poor and the most vulnerable among us in Matthew 25. Our Lord gives us the courage and the voice as the Catholic Church in New York State and around the world to speak of the beauty, the sanctity and the dignity of every human life.

> We will continue to be "a sign of contradiction" by witnessing relentlessly and courageously to the Gospel of Human Life. As is said in the first words of the Didache, the earliest known non-Scriptural Christian writing: "There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death ... " We will always stand with our earliest ancestors in the Christian faith in favor of the Way of Life and opposed to the Way of Death.

> We will continue to seek the intercession of St. Thomas More, patron of statesmen, politicians and lawyers for the conversion of the public servants who have supported this tragic legislation.

> The Cistercian biblical scholar Father Simeon writes: "The Child, while present only in Bethlehem by his poverty and weakness, is already present in the pattern of the constellations by his splendor and his glory."²

> May our praise and glory of the Prince of Peace fill our hearts and homes and give us the courage and prayerful determination to bring the Joy of the Gospel and the Splendor of Truth to every public square in New York State and throughout the world.

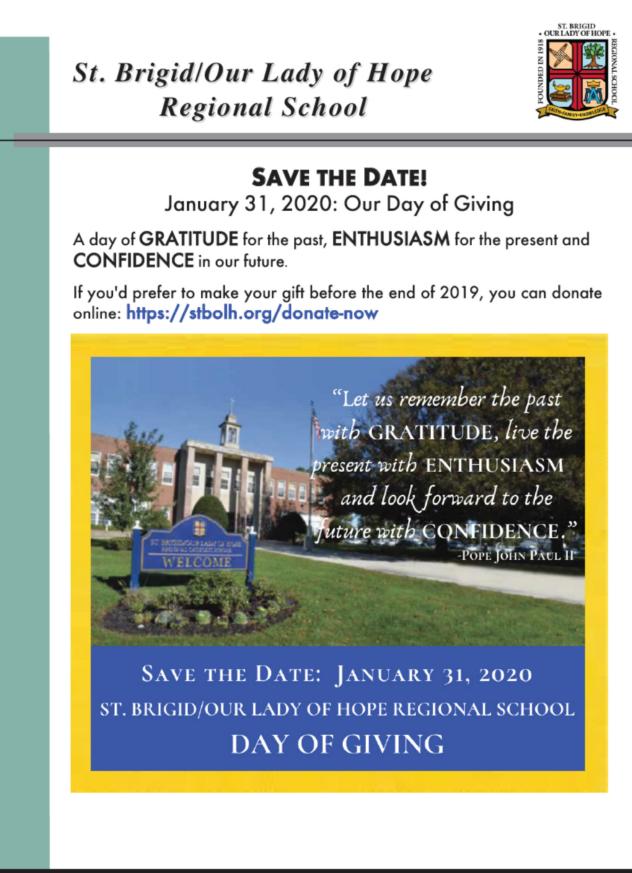
> > Sincerely in Christ,

+ Aph O. Barres Most Reverend John O. Barres

Bishop of Rockville Centre

https://www.drvc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/ReproductiveHealthCareAct.pdf

Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis (Fr. Simeon), Fire of Mercy Heart of the World: Meditations on the Gospel according to St. Matthew Volume 1 (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1996), 76.



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MASS INTENTIONS for the week of December 21



Saturday - December 21, 2019

5:00 PM - Pasquale N. Bavaro -Alfonso Valdivieso (by his daughter/ granddaughter)

-Paul Burgdorf (by Fran Burgdorf)

-For the souls of Chandrakant & Rajani Turvankar

-Salvatore, Pauline & Maureen Vaccaro (by George, Maria & Nick Sardos)

-Marie Zaino (by her daughters, Phyllis & Rosemary)

-Anna Eagan (by Donald & Nancy Smith) -Rosa B. Pires (by Rogerio & family)

Sunday - December 22, 2019

8:30 AM - For the People of the Parish In the missions:-Dante Vigliotti & John Waters (by the Vigliotti

family)

10:00 AM - Philip D'Alessio (by the Maiale & Bunt family)

11:30 AM - For the intentions of Joan & Victor Arnao (by Ellen Weglarz)

Monday - December 23, 2019

9:00 AM – For the intentions of Molly & Tommy Weglarz (by Ellen Weglarz) In the missions:
-John Ryan (by Mary Ryan)
-Marrinan, McGovern, & White Families (by the McGovern family)



Tuesday - December 24, 2019

4:00 PM – Christmas Flower Fund 5:30 PM – Christmas Flower Fund 10:00 PM – Christmas Flower Fund

Wednesday - December 25, 2019

9:00 AM –Christmas Flower Fund 11:00 AM –Christmas Flower Fund

Thursday –December 26, 2019

9:00 AM –Lottie & Walter Skipka (by the Light family) In the missions:

-Jean, Steve, & John Tedesco (by the Evans family)

Friday - December 27, 2019

9:00 AM –Patrick Walsh (by Peter & Phyllis Walsh) -Deceased members of the Araya/Valdivieso family (by the family) -John Walsh (by Sue Light)

Saturday - December 28, 2019

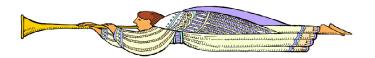
5:00 PM –Ronald Forino (Happy Birthday in Heaven) (by his wife)
-William, Patricia, & Margie Ryan (by Maureen Judge)

Sunday - December 29, 2019

8:30 AM – Robert Gorski (by the family) In the missions:

-Brigitte Wallace (by the Breen & O'Connor families)

- 10:00 AM -Amalia Bottjer (by Mary Ann Reitano)
- 11:30 AM –For the People of the Parish





SOMETHING FROM DEACON JOHN

- 1. What is the opening line of "The Christmas Song" by Nat King Cole? No hints!
- 2. What name is given to a baby reindeer? A fawn, a calf or a colt?
- 3. On which saint is the legend of Santa Claus based? No hints! He visited us earlier this month!
- 4. What aromatic gum resin is related to the baby Jesus, originates from an African tree and is burnt as incense? Frankincense or myrrh?
- 5. In which ocean is Christmas Island located? The Arctic Ocean, the Indian Ocean or the Pacific Ocean?
- 6. How many types of birds are mentioned in the "Twelve Days of Christmas" song? Six, seven or eight?

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE Saturday, December 21 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24 4:00 pm 5:30 pm 9:30 pm Choir Concert 10:00 pm There is NO Mass at Midnight

> Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25 9:00 am, 11:00 am

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31 5:00 pm

> New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1 9:00 am



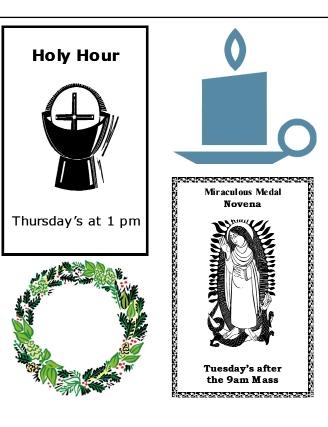
Society of St. Vincent de Paul ...bringing hope for a better future to people in need.

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with

us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like Him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God. (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.



The church office will close on December 24 at 1pm and reopen on December 27. Merry Christmas!

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 parishion-

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.

born, to us

a son is given.

Isaiah 9:6

FIRST NOTICE

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER-Give your spouse a special gift this Christmas by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are January 31–February 2 and May 1-3 in Huntington. For more information call John & Toni Torio at 877 697-9963.

SCHOLARSHIPS-The volunteer members of the Carle Place Hook, Ladder & Hose Co., No. 1 will award at least three scholarships in the amount of \$500 to graduating high School seniors who either attend CPHS or reside in the Carle Place School District. Students may obtain applications from the CPHS Guidance Office or on the school website. Applications must be completed and returned by February 12, 2020. You can mail or drop off your application to the firehouse located at 460 Broadway, attention Danielle Bellino, District Mgr. Best of luck to all!

ATTENTION ALL CYO, SPIRIT TEAM & REC BASKETBALL PLAYERS-2020 K of C Free Throw Championship, Saturday January 25-10am at St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School. Boys and girls age 9 to 14 are eligible. Call Kevin McCaffrey at 724-3860 for participation forms and more information.

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHO-

LICS OF LI-including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons-New Member Orientation Meeting, Tuesday January 20 at 7:30pm. K of C Council #6526 of St. Frances de Chantal, 1869 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. Non-denominational. All are welcom. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. For further information please call Carol 794-4933.

SECOND NOTICE

TWO STEAMER TRUNKS-for sale, \$50 each. Please call Lorraine 248-7795

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

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND-Is someone you love unable to join us at mass on the weekend? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessing of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass of TV or watch online any-

For to us a child is

time 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 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 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. 516 747-0570.

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.

ANSWERS TO DEACON JOHN'S QUESTIONS

- 1. Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...
- 2. A calf
- 3. St. Nicholas
- 4. Frankincense
- 5. The Indian Ocean
- 6.