

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, Patrick J. Dunphy

Sunday Priests

Rev. Edward Dowling, SJ

Staff

Rei Cornelius, Parish Office Manager Mr. Raymond Henderson, Liturgical Music Director Deacon Thomas Rich, TSA, D.Min., J.C.L. Director 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

Maria Vargas, Coordinator 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.

PRAYER

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 LORD DWELLS AMONG US

David worries that the ark of God dwells in a tent; Mary doesn't hesitate to allow the ark of God to dwell within her. God is not bound by human constraints, and yet He asks us to participate with Him, and cooperate with His grace, that the ark of the covenant—and the arc of salvation history—may be available to all.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord reminds David that He, the Lord, chose David. He tells David that a kingdom will be established in David's name and endure forever. Saint Paul gives glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will conceive and bear a son, and — hearing that the Holy Spirit and the power of the Most High will be with her—she responds, may it be done to me according to your word.

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The Angel Gabriel appears to Mary and announces that she was chosen to become the mother of God.

Last Sunday's collection 12/13/20	\$8,819.00
Same Last Year	\$9,703.08
Religious Retirement	\$1,340.00
Weekly amount needed	\$9,456.00
Shortfall	\$637.00
Attendance	204
Same Last Year	587

Thank you for your generosity in returning to God some of what He has given you.

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!

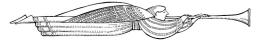
A special word of thanks to all who gave their time to making our church interior a beautiful worship space for Christmas! Special thanks to: Felice & Jack Stein, Fran Comito, Wayne Welch, Chris Colgan, Dave Evans, Steve Fleming, Peter Jackson, Alexandra Sununu, John T. Smith, and John & Allison Ehrling. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

GOD HIMSELF CHOSE TO DWELL AMONG US

God did not create a new being in Jesus Christ. Rather, His only begotten Son—the second person of the Trinity—came to dwell among us. Through Him we have the fullness of revelation of who God is, and we are reunited and reconciled to God in His glory.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah prophesies to exiled Israelites' return to Zion, glorifying the Lord and His strength. The author of Hebrews writes that God's revelation is complete in the person of His Son. In the Gospel, John writes, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* The Father's only Son became flesh and dwelled among us, and John [the Baptist] gave witness to Him and said this man was the one he said was coming.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education office would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a joyous and healthy New Year!

Levels 1-8 All Mass Reflections are to be submitted to the Religious Education office.

Levels 1-6 Complete the required "Christ in Us" assignments online as well as the required pages in the book which will be collected at the end of the school year. Any questions or concerns, please contact the Religious Education office.

Level 7 This year is a very important part of Confirmation preparation. The required assignments need to be completed in the book and returned to the Religious Education office by the end of the school year. At this time, you should have completed Chapters 1 through 8.

Level 8 The retreat assignment "Christian Autobiography" was due to the office by December 1. If you have completed the "Called to be Catholic" text book, please contact the office and we will collect the book and issue the new book "Confirmed in the Spirit". You should have received, in the mail, the packet with Confirmation information. This packet will need to be completed and submitted to the Religious Edu- seating available in the lower church. A large monitor cation office NO later than the week of January 18.

Office hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 3pm and by appointment. Please call 516 334-4781.

FOOD PANTRY CHRISTMAS INITIATIVE AND PS **10X AND MADONNA HEIGHTS**

Although it was a different year and a different way to thanks to all for their Christmas goodies and best donate—it was very, very successful and very much wishes. It was very unnecessary but most thoughtful. appreciated! You always amaze us with your unfailing Thank you! generosity! We are proud to call you the family of Our Lady of Hope! God bless you all!

OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES

There are opportunities to remember your loved ones by way of Mass intentions, the Rose for Life, the Sanctuary Candle and Altar Bread. There are Mass intentions available in November and December. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2020

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

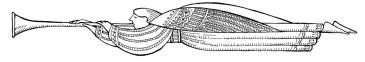
Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24 4:00 pm 5:30 pm 9:30 pm Choir Concert 10:00 pm There is NO Mass at Midnight

> **Christmas Day** Friday, December 25 9:00 am, 11:00 am

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

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

Please be aware: For all masses, there is overflow with audio from the upper church and chair groupings have been arranged to provide safe social distancing.



SINCERE THANK YOU

Thank you for your participation in these programs. The office staff would like to extend their sincere

The church office will be closed on December 24 & December 25. It will be open on Saturday, December 26. The staff would like to wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas!



FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

Let us pray...

FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN UNIFORM

SPC Medic Gina Alexandro, US Army (D), 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

In memory of Pasquale N. Bavaro -by the Bavaro-Flach family



Rose for Life

In memory of Carol & Louis Sypien -by her daughter



Burro, Diana Cabral, Eustacia Calderone, Chris Caplice, Maria Carrillo, Richard Casella, Gianna Casella, Marcel Chaillol, Louis Cianca, Joan Clarke, Judy Clickner, Gina Corleto, Josephine Corsina, George Costidis, Connie Cote, Lona Cruz, Esther Curran, Dana Day, Peter DeFilippo, Kim DeRidder, Marie DeSimone, Joseph DiBiasi, Elizabeth Dick, Bernard Dicks, Theresa 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, Art Howell, Helen

Maria Acierno, Elvia Aleman, Ronald Aman, Eleanor Angelis,

Braun, Mary Broyles, Fran Burgdorf, Peter Burkhardt, Giuseppe

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

Jara, Patricia & Ralph Keck, Jacqueline Klein, Sue Klein, Barbara Knapp, Tom Knapp, Susan Goglia Kopas, Dorothy Kuchler, Maryann LaSardo, Mary Lou Lavelle, Patrick Lavin, Marietta Lettau, Lois Lewis, John Malavolta, Salma Malik, Diane Manzo, Sherrie Mayzie, John McDonald, Elaine Medoro, Maria Merz, Heather Morella, Baby Viviana Mortellaro, Angelina Muzio, Danny Noble, Kathleen Opak, Maureen Ostrowski, Angela Pascarella, Rylie Pederson, Antonio Perrino, Ann Peters, Loraine Pino, Joseph Piscitelli, Lorraine Poduch, Victor Praete, Vincent Purcell, Dan Riley, Joel Rivera, Daniel Roche, Nicole Roeder, George Rottkamp, Alex Salvaggio, Rosa Santos, John Saunders, Joseph Schaefer, Keith Schettino, Maureen Schroeder, Randy J. Smith, Darrell Stone, Nancy Tandi, Kerri Taylor, Rosemary Tempone, Teresa, Florence Theroux, Joan Thue, James Tirone, Danny Tricarico, Christopher Velez, Janice Vetrano, Joseph Vigotty, Tommy Waters, Frank Wetmore, Maureen Wotten, Sondra Yannone, Rose Youngblood, Joe Zimmatore 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

In loving memory of Bill Diamond, Terry & Larry Wachter -by Janet Diamond & family

MINISTERS AT MASSES for December 26 & 27						
	5:00pm	8:30am	10am	11:30am		
PRESIDER	Fr. Tomaz	Fr. Blake	Msgr. Michael	Fr. Arnao		
LECTOR	S. Buffolino	D. Oreste	J. Stein	D. Restivo		
ALTAR SERVERS	NA	NA	NA	NA		
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	P. Wilde J. Waters F. Stein L. Acierno **You are only needed to serve if there is NO DEACON, if you are specifically asked to serve as a substitute for the deacon or priest or you are asked to distribute the Eucharist in the lower church.**					
MUSIC MINISTERS	Cantor/Organ		Cantor/Organ	Cantor/Organ		



Christmas 2020

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

When he was elected as a Successor of St. Peter on March 13, 2013, our Holy Father chose the name *Francis*. It was a weighty decision with a prophetic message. Especially now, seven years later and with the publication of his latest encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* from the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi on October 3, 2020, the significance of the choice is clear: Pope Francis connects his papacy to St. Francis.

Through the ministry of our Holy Father, St. Francis of Assisi is close to the Church in these times. Therefore, as we draw near to Bethlehem at the end of this difficult year, I wish to recall two points Pope Francis highlights from the life of St. Francis. One will help us celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord; the other indicates a grace for which to pray during the holy season.

First, in his 2019 Apostolic Letter Admirabile Signum: On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene, Pope Francis emphasizes St. Francis of Assisi's foundational role in our celebration of Christmas. The Holy Father recalls the origins of the crèche and the first nativity scene inspired by the holy friar in 1223, by which the saint sought "to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem." Importantly, the remembrance of Christ's birth that St. Francis desired to convey was brought alive in Greccio, a small village in Italy, not by statues but by people from the surrounding towns and countryside. Together with St. Francis, his friars, an ox and a donkey, they gathered at a cave to behold a manger full of hay over which the Eucharist was celebrated. That Christmas night, almost 800 years ago, Pope Francis reminds us, "the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present." That night, there was "no distance between the original event and those sharing in its mystery." (2) Encountering Christ, there was simply joy and hope.

This Christmas, in our world laden with the Crosses of COVID-19, political and economic turmoil, racism, financial hardship, and so many other societal ills and challenges – challenges that impact us on Long Island – let us remember this lesson from Greccio: Christmas is an event to be lived. It demands our participation. Like the women and men who embodied that first crèche, we must be present to Christ who is born for us. We must behold and receive Him.

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Second, in *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis shows St. Francis as an icon of Christocentric-listening. With great humility and charity, the saint reverently listened to others. He was present to the various voices in his life – the voice of God, the voice of his neighbor, the voice of the poor, the voice of the sick, the voice of nature – and by truly hearing them, he was an instrument of peace, healing, and understanding. How different it can be for us! The Holy Father says well what we know: "Today's world is largely a deaf world...At times, the frantic pace of the modern world prevents us from listening attentively to what another person is saying." Aware of this fact, the Pope encourages us, in the midst of our hectic and polarized world, to be like St. Francis and "not lose our ability to listen." (48)

This Christmas, when we approach the crib, let us ask for the grace to be attentive listeners. Let us ask for the grace to be like St. Francis, so that we may hear the voice of God and the voice of our neighbor and respond with the radical charity he exhibited.¹

Like Pope Francis, may we be moved by the example of St. Francis, and may St. Francis of Assisi's love for the Mystery of the Nativity, his ecstatic mysticism, his love for the poor, and his spirit of universal fraternity animate our celebration of Christmas this year.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

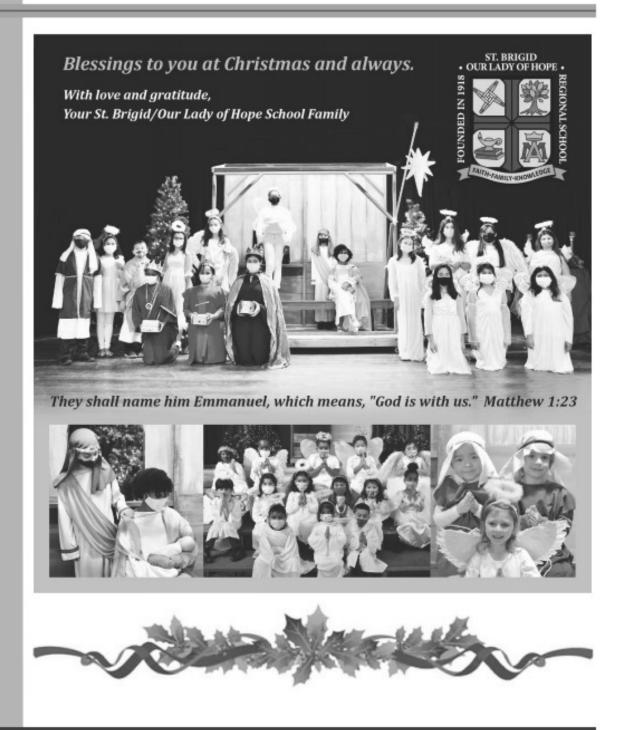
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¹ Cf. Bishop John O. Barres October 8, 2020 Statement, "The Compelling Figure of St. Francis of Assisi in the Pontificate of Pope Francis and his New Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti."

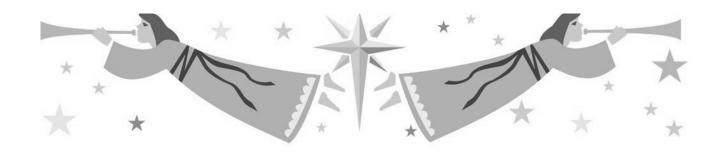
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	4pm	5:30pm	10pm	9am	11am
PRESIDER	Fr. Arnao	Fr. Tomaz	Fr. Al	Fr. Blake	Fr. Arnao
LECTOR	P. Varol	B. Corrigan	D. Oreste	B. Kilgannon	L. Masucci
ALTAR	G. Winter				
SERVERS					
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	N. Moir M. Iovine	P. Kelly E. Kelly	D. Oreste	R. Sewnauth	A. Santana E. Santana
MUSIC MINISTERS	Cantor/ Organ	Cantor/ Organ	Adult Choir/ Organ	Organ	Cantor/ Organ



MASS INTENTIONS for the week of December 19, 2020



Saturday- December 19, 2020

- 5:00 PM Pasquale N. Bavaro (by the Bavaro-Flach family)
 - -Pasquale Campagnuolo (by Bartolomeo & Maria Abbatiello)
 - -For the intentions of Ann Moran (by Margaret & Pat Lavin)

Sunday-December 20, 2020

8:30 AM - For the People of the Parish 10:00 AM - Frances & Edward Chiusano (by the Chiusano family) In the missions:

-Anton Duras (by Milan Duras)

11:30 AM - Maria Duarte (by the family)

Monday-December 21, 2020

9:00 AM - Paul Burgdorf (by his wife, Fran Burgdorf)

In the missions:

- -Alfonso Valdivieso (by daughter/granddaughter)
- -Francine Cantave (by our daughters)

Tuesday- December 22, 2020

9:00 AM - Davis, Shanley, McNerney & Nolan families (by James & Margaret Davis)



Wednesday- December 23, 2020

9:00 AM - John Ryan (by Mary Ryan) In the missions:

-James McGovern (by the McGovern family)

Thursday- December 24, 2020

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

Friday- December 25, 2020

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

Saturday- December 26, 2020

5:00 PM - John Confort & Kelly Pinsent (by Fr. Arnao)

- -Mary Alba (by Teresa Alba)
- -For the intentions of Freda Cantwell (by Margaret & Pat Lavin)

Sunday- December 27, 2020

8:30 AM - Deceased members of the Araya/ Valdivieso family (by the family)

10:00 AM - For the People of the Parish

11:30 AM - Patrick Walsh (by Peter & Phyllis Walsh)



MEMORIAL BRICKS

We are continuing to accept 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.

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 Lady of Hope.



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.

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 855 800-4273.

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 even in these trying times and wishes you a blessed Christmas and a safe, healthy and joyous New Year!

The Pantry is currently in need of:

- Bottled juice
- Canned tomatoes
- Red & black beans

Thank you all! Stay well!

The Food Pantry Staff

2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL				
Goal	\$52,000			
Pledged	\$40,266			
Paid	\$38,881			
% of Goal pledged	77%			
% of Goal paid	71%			
Donors	148			



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

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND-You can help heal your marriage. Do you feel alone? Are your frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thou-

sands of couples worldwide experiencing all types of marital difficulties. For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, January 22, please call 1 800 470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/ Metro Retrouvaille who can help.





SECOND NOTICE

CONGRATULATIONS!-to Leah Kelly, a student from our parish who attends Holy Trinity Diocesan HS and has achieved the honor roll for the first quarter. Keep up the good work!

COVID-19 RAPID TESTING SITE-located at 600 Community Drive, Manhasset. Drive through only. If you have had prolonged exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or have any symptoms, you are encouraged to be tested. No cost for testing, but you must schedule an appointment. The site is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm. It is available to anyone age 8 or older. To schedule an appointment please call 1 833 422-7369.

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 anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org.

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.

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.



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

"The St. Vincent DePaul Society is a lay Catholic organization that aspires to live the Gospel by serving the poor. In attending to the needy in our community, we are ministering to Christ himself. If you or someone you know needs assistance, or if you would like to join the ministry, call (516) 334-6288 ext. 18

