Our 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 am 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 Video available on the Our Lady of Hope website (www.olhope.org). Parents are asked to view the video prior to the child's baptism. It may also be shared with the Godparents.

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.

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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 BIRTH OF JESUS BRINGS THE LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE IN-TO OUR WORLD

Today is a day of great rejoicing for all humanity. God has fulfilled the promises of old and the light of His love has appeared among us as a newborn Child. God has made His dwelling among us and given us power to become His children and to receive from Him the fullness of grace.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah prophesies the one who *brings glad tidings*, announcing the good news of salvation. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author writes that over time *God spoke in partial and various ways*, but *in these last days He has spoken to us through the Son.* In the Gospel, John proclaims Jesus as the Incarnate Word of God: the fullness of God's Revelation to us. He also writes of John who came before Jesus *to testify to the light.*

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DID YOU NOT KNOW THAT I MUST BE IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE?

Jesus is the Son of God, sent out of love to do the Father's will. Out of love, He obeys. Through the life and sacrifice of Jesus, we become children of God and heirs to the Kingdom, which in turn requires of us—in love—to *keep His commandments and do what pleases Him.* As Christ was meant to be in His Father's house, so, too, are we meant to join Him: in worship here in this life and for eternity in the next. We do this through love of God and one another, with the help of the Spirit He gave us.



Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

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!

I would like to share this prayer with you all:

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels,

the gladness of the shepherds,

and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL		
Goal	\$55,100	
Pledged	\$41,489	
Paid	\$39,909	
% of Goal pledged	75%	
% of Goal paid	72%	
Donors	188	

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Hannah bears a son and offers him to the Lord. John writes that the Father's love bestowed on us has allowed us to be called the children of God, and we should...love one another just as He commanded us. In the Gospel, Mary and Joseph CHRISTMAS INITIATIVES FOR 2021 search for Jesus with great anxiety. After they find Him in the temple, Jesus explains that He had to be in His Father's house.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

In today's gospel, Jesus is separated from His parents while in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. This OPPORTUNITIES TO REMEMBER LOVED ONES event is also the Fifth Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

The Religious Education Office will be closed December 24 until December 31. Classes will resume the week of January 3.

Level 2 First Holy Communion Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 9:30 and 11:30am.

Level 8 The Confirmation packet is to be completed and submitted the week of January 4.

Reminder: All children are required to attend Reli- BAPTISM AND THE PREPARATION CLASS gious Education prepared: books, folders, masks, pencil/pen.

or call 516 334-4781.

VIRTUS TRAINING-PROTECT OUR CHILDREN!

Virtus is a program that gives us a specific plan in of Hope website. It is our hope that parents will view identifying and preventing child sexual abuse. The the video prior to their child's baptism. Please visit training is required of all diocesan personnel and vol- www.olhope.org. unteers in all parishes.

If you are a volunteer or are thinking of volunteering, please visit Virtusonline.org to fulfill your Virtus requirements.

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 ****The church office will be closed on December 24** been abused or victimized by someone representing & December 25. It will be open on Monday, De-24 hours.

Baptisms at Our Lady of Hope

Matthew Thomas Frey

Welcome to our Church family!

Thank you for your participation in these programs. It was very successful and very much appreciated! Your generosity helped to make this Christmas season merry and bright for so many. You always amaze us with your unfailing support! We are proud to call you the family of Our Lady of Hope! God bless you all!

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 multiple intention Masses available on Fridays and Saturdays and Mission Mass anytime and Rose for Life, Sanctuary Candle and Altar Bread as early as this month. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

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.

Baptisms are celebrated every third Sunday of every Any questions or concerns please email Religious Ed month at 1pm. Please call the office to register in advance. Baptism Preparation, which was done with an in-person class, is now being offered with a Baptismal Preparation Video which is available on the Our Lady

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!

the Catholic Church. All calls are responded to within cember 27. The staff would like to wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas!**

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 (D), US Navy.

D = Deployed

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED...

especially Jean Prommersberger.



Sanctuary Candle \$15



Rose for Life



Altar Bread & Wine

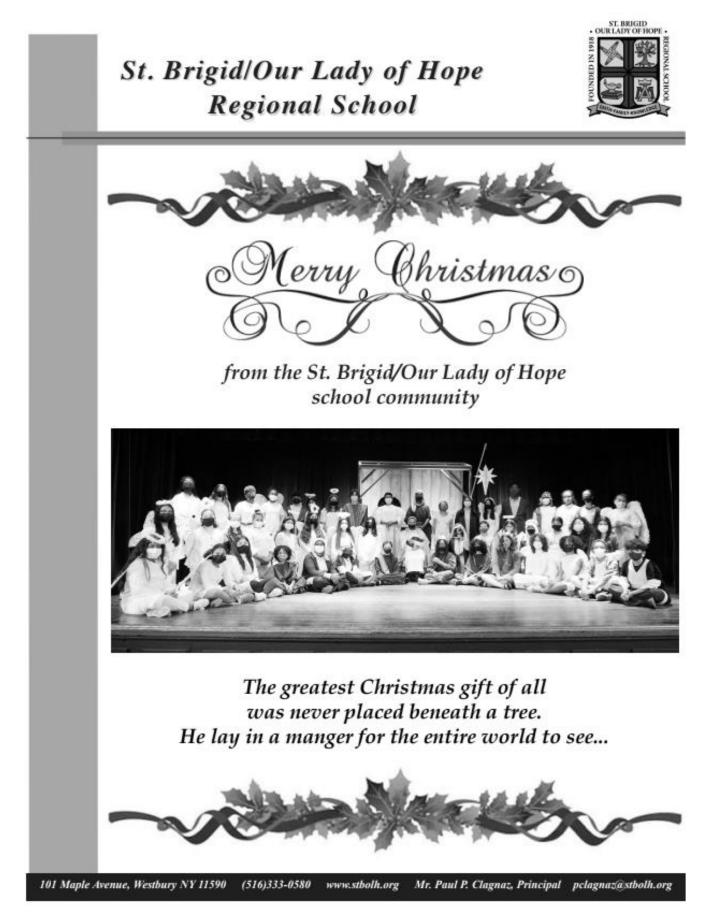
\$50

1	MINISTERS AT MASSES for January 1 & 2				
	5pm	8:30am	10am	11:30am	
PRESIDER	Msgr. Michael	Fr. Tomaz	Fr. Arnao	Fr. Griffin	
LECTOR	L. Masucci	P. Varol	J. Stein	S. Buffolino	
ALTAR SERVERS	NA	NA	NA	NA	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	N. Moir D. Auguston	B. Kilgannon D. Oreste	F. Stein R. Sewnauth	L. Acierno A. Santana	
MUSIC MINISTERS	Cantor/Organ		Cantor/Organ	Cantor/Organ	

FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

Maria Acierno, Elvia Aleman, Ronald Aman, Eleanor Angelis, Yvonne Angeles, Maya Annunziato, Mikey Armand, Jeanne (Porcelli) Aroyo, Anthony Barbera, Zachary Baas, Concetta Basso, Elizabeth Blake, Susan Blum, Deborah Bourassa, Dylan Braun, Mary Broyles, Peter Burkhardt, Giuseppe Burro, Billy Buttgereit, Diana Cabral, Eustacia Calderone, Chris Caplice, Maria Carrillo, Richard Casella, Gianna Casella, Marcel Chaillol, 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, Hailey Eimer, Joe Farinaro, Alice Feldt, Margaret Flahive, Angelina Fortner, Marie Francis, Grace Franzese, Eileen Friel, Mario Gaigan, Gerry Georgio, Linda Gildea, Donna Girardi, Susan Goode, Joe Greve, Emily Grimm, Art Howell, John Hughes, Patricia & Ralph Keck, Jacqueline Klein, Sue Klein, Barbara Knapp, Tom Knapp, Susan Goglia Kopas, Shannon LaRocco, Maryann LaSardo, Mary Lou Lavelle, Marietta Lettau, Lois Lewis, John Malavolta, Salma Malik, Ann Mascola, Sherrie Mavzie, John McDonald, Elaine Medoro, Maria Merz, Madison Milio, Heather Morella, John Morrison, Baby Viviana Mortellaro, Angelina Muzio, Danny Noble, Kathleen Opak, Maureen Ostrowski, Angela Pascarella, Rylie Pederson, Antonio Perrino, Loraine Pino, Joseph Piscitelli, Lorraine Poduch, Victor Praete, Vincent Purcell, Dan Riley, Joel Rivera, Daniel Roche, Nicole Roeder, Alex Salvaggio, Rosa Santos, John Saunders, Joseph Schaefer, Maureen Schroeder, Randy J. Smith, Darrell Stone, Nancy Tandi, Kerri Taylor, Rosemary Tempone, Florence Theroux, James Tirone, Danny Tricarico, Christopher Velez, Janice Vetrano, Joseph Vigotty, 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.





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2021

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

On December 1, 2019, Our Holy Father Pope Francis issued Admirabile Signum, an Apostolic Letter On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene. It is a beautiful reflection that I draw on every Christmas season and one which I urge you to read and pray.¹

In it, the Holy Father reminds us that the simple act of arranging our Nativity set links us to the past, opens questions for the present, and orients the future. It is an act that has an existential impact.

Pope Francis says: "Setting up the Christmas creche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospels remain our source for understanding and reflecting on the event. At the same time, its portrayal in the creche helps us to imagine the scene. It touches our hearts and makes us enter into salvation history as contemporaries of an event that is living and real in a broad gamut of historical and cultural contexts."

The beautiful scene of parents and grandparents setting up creches together with children and grandchildren is a powerful multi-dimensional experience of catechesis – the teaching and passing on of our Catholic faith and our belief in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ to the next generation.

Parents and grandparents have that wisdom of teaching children and grandchildren how to assemble and situate the creche, but at the same time, they also have the catechetical and relational sensitivity to let children and grandchildren make choices about where the shepherds, the sheep, the three kings are to be placed.

Children are encouraged to place the Holy Family – Mary, Joseph and the Prince of Peace – with their own hands into the center of the creche. How often children then enjoy, sometimes on their own and sometimes with brothers and sisters and family members, moving and interacting with the figurines. How often their biblical imaginations and souls are set on fire with God's love as they play with their family Nativity sets.

The Holy Father continues: "I would like now to reflect on the various elements of the nativity scene in order to appreciate their deeper meaning. First, there is the background of a starry sky wrapped in the darkness and silence of night. We represent this not only out of fidelity to the Gospel accounts, but also for its symbolic value. We can think of all those times in our lives when we have experienced the darkness of night. Yet even then, God does not abandon us, but is there to answer our crucial questions about the

¹ https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-

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meaning of life. Who am I? Where do I come from? Why was I born at this time in history? Why do I love? Why do I suffer? Why will I die? It was to answer these questions that God became man. His closeness brings light where there is darkness and shows the way to those dwelling in the shadow of suffering (cf. Luke 1:79)."

We can drift through life dodging and repressing these critical existential questions of life. We can live blindly and superficially.

Our Catholic belief in the unity of the Nativity and the Crucifixion, the Creche and the Cross, Bethlehem and Golgotha keeps our lives centered and focused on the things that really count in our short time on earth – the Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell) and a belief in the Eternal Joy of Heaven, our true home.

The Holy Father continues to press the existential questions: "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' (Matthew 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."

May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness, and solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering.

May our commitment to "holiness and mission" bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre





In January 2020, the Marianists, Tomorrow's Hope Foundation, and the Department of Education launched the Morning Star Initiative (MSI) to revitalize Catholic education on Long Island through a robustly Catholic culture, academic excellence, safe and supportive communities, and fiscally sustainable schools.

DONOR IMPACT TO DATE

To date, fellow Catholics and foundations have pledged more than \$3 million to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for vital MSI programs and local Catholic school needs, including:

- Tuition assistance for underserved students
- New learning devices for thousands of students and teachers
- Internet connectivity for 300 school families
- The launch of iReady, an innovative web-based student benchmarking tool, among all the Catholic elementary schools
- Vital startup investments in two MSI pilot schools

Morning Star Initiative

To make a tax deductible donation, please scan the QR code below or complete this form and mail your check to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation with "MSI" written in the memo line.

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation 50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Suite 500 Uniondale, NY 11553



WHY GIVE?

By supporting MSI, donors can invest in a sustainable and robust educational model for our children and for future generations. Please help make that a reality by making a gift today.

I am very confident in Brother Tom and the Marianist Brothers who are leading this [MSI] effort, and I am hopeful that other individuals and organizations will support this cause to help ensure our Catholic schools have a bright future."

- MICHAEL PASCUCCI, MSI DONOR

GET INVOLVED

Contact kbill@thfny.com or call (516) 745-7640

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MASS INTENTIONS for the week of December 25, 2021



Saturday- December 25, 2021

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

Sunday- December 26, 2021

- 9:00 AM Marie Corte (by her husband, Steve Corte)
 - In the missions: -Margaret Hoagland (by Mr. & Mrs. Miguel Araya)
- 11:00 AM Tony Barilla (by Susan Kraich)

Monday- December 27, 2021

- 9:00 AM Patrick Walsh (by Phyllis & Peter Walsh) In the missions:The deceased members of the Araya/Valdivieso
 - Family (by the family) -Rev. Francis Midura (Happy Birthday in Heav-
 - en) (by the Margas & Midura families)

Tuesday- December 28, 2021

9:00 AM - William, Patricia & Margie Ryan (by Maureen Judge)



Wednesday- December 29, 2021

9:00 AM - For the intentions of Evelyn McBeigh (by Margaret & Pat Lavin)

Thursday- December 30, 2021

9:00 AM - For the intentions of Brigid Tomacchio (by Margaret & Pat Lavin) In the missions:
-For the soul of Walter Andrews (by Jennifer & Dinesh)
-James A. McGovern (by the McGovern family)

Friday- December 31, 2021

9:00 AM - Mary & Joseph McKeon (by Maryann McKeon) -Domenico Buffolino (by Emma Cruz)

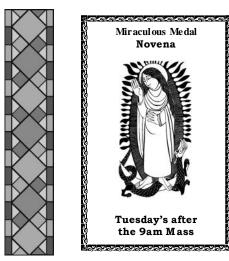
Saturday- January 1, 2022

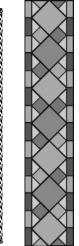
5:00 PM - Jean Prommersberger (by Maria, Andrea & Rei)

Sunday- January 2, 2022

8:30 AM - For the People of the Parish10:00 AM - Peter Sypien (by Susan Blum)11:30 AM - Maureen Anne Reilly (6th year in Heaven) (by Helen B. Reilly)







OUR LADY OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

At this time the items following are needed:

Jarred pasta sauce & all varieties of canned tomatoes

Mac & cheese

Pasta-all varieties

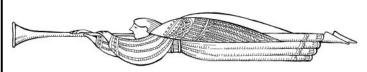
Thank you for your continued generous support of the Food Pantry. **Please check expiration dates before donating items.**

The Food Pantry Staff

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

Online giving is available at Our Lady of Hope and it's safe, simple and convenient. It can also add to any "rewards" your credit card company offers! If you have questions please do not hesitate to call the church office or WeShare directly at 855 800-4273.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S AT A GLANCE

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

9:00 am 11:00 am

Sunday, December 26

9:00 am 11:00 am

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31 9:00 am

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1 5:00 pm (regular weekend Mass schedule)









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

LOOKING TO RENT GARAGE SPACE-in the Carle Place/ Westbury area. If you have available space please call Gerry at 516 997-4425 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

SECOND NOTICE

CONGRATULATIONS!-to those students from our parish who attend Kellenberg Memorial High School and have achieved perfect attendance for the 2020-21 School Year. They are: Nicole Abenda, Francesca Fortunato, Ashley Glynn, Amanda Kumbatovic and Sara Mattone. Keep up the good work! Be well!

NY PROJECT HOPE-Coping with COVID. Need to talk? Feeling uncertain, overwhelmed, anxious during COVID? We provide information, education, emotional support, links to resources. Free, anonymous & confidential. Contact us at 631 481-9700. email yes-ph@yesnews.net or visit www.yesnews.org.

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.

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!







Due to determinations from the NYS Department of Health and the CDC along with directives from Governor Hochul and the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the mask protocol for all indoor spaces is now in effect for all persons, age 2 and over, until January 15, 2022. Therefore, we are asking that all



who attend Mass at Our Lady of Hope Church, please wear a mask. Thank you.