



Our Lady of Hope Church

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Deacon Thomas Rich, TSA, D.Min., J.C.L.

Director of Religious Education

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.

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

BELIEF IN JESUS TRANSFORMS AND UNITES US AS BELOVED SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE FATHER

Jesus prays for believers, asking the Father that we may be brought to perfection as one. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will be transformed. We can turn to Stephen, the first martyr, and the saints for courage as we turn our lives over to God.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Stephen is stoned to death after relaying a vision of Jesus at the right hand of God. In the second reading, John writes of the vision he had, that Jesus, *the Alpha and the Omega*, will judge each according to their deeds. In the Gospel, Jesus prays that believers will be one, united to Him and the Father.

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

As we begin to enter into the summer months, how can we practice the Stewardship pillar of Hospitality? One way is by still remembering our brothers and sisters in need, by giving to your parish food pantry.

Sunday's collection 5/22/22	\$5,958.55
Same last year	\$6,342.00
Weekly amount needed	\$9,456.00
Shortfall	\$3,497.45
Attendance	247
Envelopes	90
<i>Thank you for your generosity in returning to God some of what He has given you.</i>	

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Originally named *Decoration Day*, Memorial Day is set aside to honor those who died in the service of our nation. Begun to commemorate the deceased of the Civil War, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 and first observed on May 30, 1868. Today, Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday in May. In 1951, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of America of St. Louis began the placement of 150,000 flags at national cemeteries and the tradition remains today. The first state to recognize this special day was New York! Waterloo, New York was declared the official birthplace of Memorial Day by President Johnson in 1966. As Catholic Americans, we continue the tradition of prayer and remembrance for all those who have made the extraordinary sacrifice of giving their lives for our country. Have a safe and beautiful Memorial Day weekend! God bless!

Remember and Honor

Please also know that in honor of Memorial Day, Nassau County has announced two County-wide 50 second moments of silence on Memorial Day, May 30th to honor the men and women who laid down their lives in service to our nation. The first moment of silence will be at 12 non, followed by the second at 6pm. During those 50 second intervals, Fire Departments, Police cars and Volunteer Ambulance Corps will sound their sirens and horns to remind residents to pause and remember our nation's fallen heroes.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Religious Education 2022/23 will begin in May.

Level 1 – If you have a child entering first grade in the fall please call or email the Religious Education office.

Levels 2-8 please look for an email with information regarding Registration for the new 2022/2023 school year.

As we look to next year, we are in need of teachers for Levels 1-6. All materials and training will be provided. Please contact the Rel Ed office for more information.

Any questions or concerns please contact Religious Ed Rel-Ed@olhope.org or call 516 334-4781.

BAPTISM AND THE PREPARATION CLASS

Baptisms are celebrated every third Sunday of every 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 of Hope website. It is our hope that parents will view the video prior to their child’s baptism. Please visit www.olhope.org.

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 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 been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. All calls are responded to within 24 hours.



COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

This week our special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Baptisms at Our Lady of Hope
Margo Grace Gallo
Ezekial Joseph Griffin
Ari Ronak Tolia
Theodore Graham Phillips
Welcome to our Church family!

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 multiple intention Masses available on Fridays and Saturdays and Mission Masses 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.

****The church office will be closed on Monday May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.****



OUR LADY OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

At this time the items following are needed:

- White rice-instant & regular
- Pasta-all varieties

Thank you for your continued generous support.

Please check expiration dates before donating items.

The Food Pantry Staff

Let us pray...

FOR OUR PARISHIONERS SERVING IN UNIFORM

Sgt. Joseph T. Hughes, USMC, 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 Alice McManus Guiney,
Mary Anne Thomas and Bishop Emil Wcela.

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, Diana Cabral, Eustacia Calderone, Chris Caplice, Maria Carrillo, Richard Casella, Gianna Casella, Marcel Chaillol, Carol Cirulli, 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, Cole Faller, Joe Farinaro, Alice Feldt, Margaret Flahive, Angelina Fortner, Marie Francis, Grace Franzese, Eileen Friel, Mario Gaigan, Gerry Georgio, Linda Gildea, Tony Giordano, 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, Mary Lou Lavelle, Marietta Lettau, Lois Lewis, John Malavolta, Salma Malik, Sherrie Mayzie, John McDonald, Elaine Medoro, Robert Mensing, Maria Merz, Madison Milio, John Morrison, Baby Viviana Mortellaro, 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, Bridget Vesloski, 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.



Sanctuary Candle

In memory of Nancy Hanley
-by the family



Rose for Life

In memory of Nancy Hanley
-by the family



Altar Bread & Wine

In memory of Nancy Hanley
-by the family

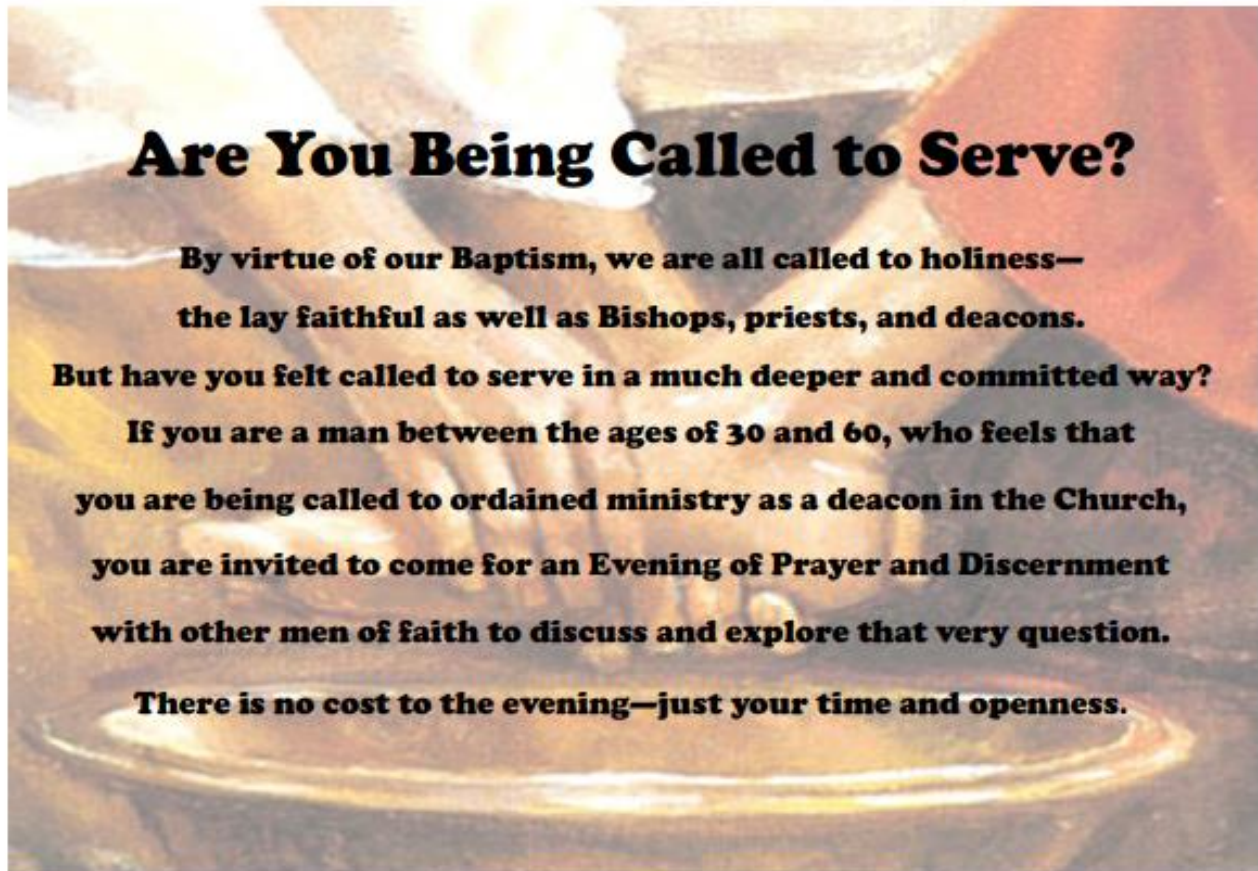
MINISTERS AT MASSES for June 4 & 5				
	5pm	8:30am	10am	11:30am
PRESIDER	Fr. Griffin	Fr. Worthley	Fr. Arnao	Msgr. Michael
LECTOR	L. Masucci	P. Kelly	J. Stein	P. Varol
ALTAR SERVERS	NA	NA	NA	NA
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	D. Auguston N. Moir	B. Kilgannon D. Oreste	F. Stein V. Daly	A. Santana B. Dunphy
MUSIC MINISTERS	Cantor/Organ		Cantor/Organ	Cantor/Organ

Please join us for
Fr. Thomas Arnao's
Farewell Mass
on June 12, 2022 at 10 am
With Fellowship to follow in the lower
church



After 12 years of serving as our Pastor, Fr. Arnao will be leaving us. Let us gather together in gratitude to thank him for his time at Our Lady of Hope and wish him well in his future endeavors.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Are You Being Called to Serve?

**By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called to holiness—
the lay faithful as well as Bishops, priests, and deacons.**

But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way?

**If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 60, who feels that
you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church,
you are invited to come for an Evening of Prayer and Discernment
with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question.**

There is no cost to the evening—just your time and openness.

COME PREPARED

**to LISTEN to PRAY to REFLECT to DISCERN
where God is calling you!**

The evenings are being offered conveniently at three locations in our diocese.

7:00PM, Tuesday, June 7 — St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, 2 Bayview Avenue

7:00PM, Wednesday, June 8 — St. Mary Manhasset, 1300 Northern Boulevard

7:00PM, Thursday, June 16 — St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street

with a Saturday Morning option to be held at

10:00AM, Saturday, June 18 — Ss. Peter & Paul, Manorville, 781 Wading River Road

RSVP by Friday, June 3rd, to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or by email to

diaconateformation@drvc.org

We thank you and look forward to being with you.

St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School



A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR SCHOOL DONORS AND
MEMBERS OF THE CLASSES OF 1972 AND 1997:



PRINCIPAL, PAUL P. CLAGNAZ, INVITES YOU TO A DONOR APPRECIATION

• — *Cocktail Party* — •

IN COMBINATION WITH A CELEBRATION OF
THE ST. BRIGID SCHOOL CLASS OF 1972 AND
THE ST. BRIGID/OUR LADY OF HOPE CLASS OF 1997

ON
SATURDAY

• — *June 18th, 2022* — •

4:00-6:00 PM AT ST. BRIGID/OUR LADY OF HOPE REGIONAL SCHOOL

RSVP by June 10 online at <https://bit.ly/stbolhrsvp2022>

or by scanning the QR code below

or call the school office at **516-333-0580**





www.cffor.org

Focus on Religious Freedom

*"Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."
John 15:13*

Memorial Day: A Catholic Understanding of the Nature and Call of Freedom

As Americans, this Memorial Day we remember those who died in service to our country. But as Catholic Americans, we reflect on the meaning of true freedom - a freedom we as Catholics are called to live to the fullest.

In *The Gospel of Life*, Pope John Paul II shows that when freedom is no longer based on objective truth, it destroys itself. When a person declares himself totally self-governing, autonomous, deciding his own truth, as in a secular state, then people will eventually reject each other, as each person seeks to have his own interests prevail. Such a society does not become more free; it becomes less free as vice, corruption, brutality and oppression inevitably increase.

One reason we human beings are willing to fight and die for freedom is because the need for freedom is imprinted into our very nature. By virtue of our ability to reason and our free will, we are impelled to seek truth, especially religious truth. Our creator instilled this drive in us so that we would seek Him, for He is truth. Having found truth, we must live it and to do this we must be free from coercion. Therefore, if attacked, human beings will rightly and necessarily die for true freedom.

This Memorial Day, Catholics rightly honor our fallen brothers and sisters, and we remember our Church, which has defended the dignity and freedom of the human person for 2,000 years. ⁽¹⁾

The Gospel of Life, Pope John Paul II; catholic.org/news; Michael Terheyden(1)

"There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty that makes human nature rise above itself, in acts of bravery and heroism." - Alexander Hamilton



MASS INTENTIONS for the week of May 28, 2022



Saturday- May 28, 2022

Anticipated Mass

5:00 PM – Rev. Ken Winkler (by Fr. Arnao)
-John Passarella (by the Margan family)

Sunday- May 29, 2022

8:30 AM – For the People of the Parish
10:00 AM – Anthony Economico (by Bartolomeo & Maria Abbatiello)
In the missions:
-Nancy Hanley (15 years in Heaven) (by the Minchella & Hanley families)
11:30 AM – Joan Hendel & Richard Cody (by Mar- yann & Michael Elrod)

Monday- May 30, 2022

9:00 AM - Howie Blum (by the Blum family)

Tuesday- May 31, 2022

9:00 AM - Billy Buttgerit (by Peter & Phyllis Walsh)

Wednesday- June 1, 2022

9:00 AM - Rose Palumbo (by Susan Goode)

Thursday- June 2, 2022

9:00 AM - Bob Buttgerit (by Dorothy Buttgerit)
In the missions:
-Angelo Iannone (by the family)

Friday- June 3, 2022

9:00 AM - Larry Wachter (by Janet Diamon & fam- ily)
-Lyde Newman (by Mary Ryan)
-George A. Hoar (by Garol Spear)

Saturday- June 4, 2022

Anticipated Mass

5:00 PM - Ann Mascola (by Doris Hick)

June 5, 2022- June 5, 2022

8:30 AM - David Cheverino (by the Basso family, the Davison family & the Cheverino family)
In the missions:
-Gus Oliver (by the Lindeman family)
10:00 AM - Umberto Zaino (by Bartolomeo & Ma- ria Abbatiello)
In the missions:
-Alice McManus (by Thomas Baldwin)
11:30 AM - For the People of the Parish
In the missions:
-Mary Anne Thomas (by Michael & Maryanne Elrod)



Prayer for Ukraine

Great and almighty God, we your children turn to you with humility in our hearts and bow our heads low before you. We beseech your loving kindness and abundant blessings upon the nation—the people—of Ukraine during these days of great danger to their safety and well-being.

Our brothers and sisters, Lord, are once again threatened by aggressors who see them only as simple obstacles blocking the path to the complete domination of the precious land and resources of the country of Ukraine. Strengthen the people as they face this great danger, turning to you in the immeasurably deep faith, trust and love they have placed in you all their lives. Send your heavenly legions, O Lord, commanded by the patron of Kyiv, Archangel Michael, to crush the desires of the aggressor.



Grant unity of mind, heart and soul, O Lord, to all leaders in public service with those they serve. Unite them all into one, great Christian family, so that together, as brothers and sisters, they may glorify your majestic name—God in the Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages and ages. Amen.

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One Family in Mission – Building a Community of

FAITH HOPE & LOVE

“God’s love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit.”
– Pope Francis

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



CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK

Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is a 24/7 national network that provides comprehensive Catholic, informative and spiritual programming. CFN is at the service of the Word, the Church, the Bishops and the Encounter of Faith and Culture. Available on your local cable providers, all of your favorite digital platforms, the free CFN app.

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apple tv amazon firetv androidtv Roku

www.CFNtv.org

Also available in Spanish at www.CFNespañol.org

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.

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL	
Goal	\$58,200
Pledged	\$33,500
Paid	\$25,585
% of Goal pledged	58%
% of Goal paid	44%
Donors	110

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday's after the 9am Mass

Courtesy Announcements

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

FIRST NOTICE

GRIEF & GRATITUDE-Saturday, June 18 10am to 3pm in-person at Our Lady of Grace Spiritual Center. Grief & Gratitude may seem to cancel each other out, but like many treasures,, they each have their own power and beauty to help us understand what is transient and given to us by grace. \$50, includes lunch. For more information call 516 627-9255 or visit www.olgretreat.com.

SECOND NOTICE

EXPERIENCED CAREGIVER/COMPANION-with car. Compassionate & reliable individual enjoys working with seniors. Willing to drive to medical appointments, errands, laundry, companionship, etc. Vaccinated, English speaking. Call Carol 516 313-5795.

CLOTHING DRIVE-May 1 through May 31, We are collecting new and lightly worn business attire for Dress for Success, an organization helping women enter the workforce. Drop your donations at any Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty Office. We are proud to have served our communities for the past century. Thank you for being our partner.

CONGRATULATIONS!-to those students from our parish who attend Chaminade HS and have achieved second trimester honor roll. They are: Andrew Buffolino, Matthew F. Dieguez, Patrick Graham, John McPike, Jason Wachtel and Trent Whigham. Keep up the good work!

PAELLA PARTY!-June 16, 6-8pm at Sangria 71. All proceeds to benefit the Rotary Club of Williston Park. Donation \$40 prepaid, \$45 at the door. Membership drive, raffles. For more information call Maureen 516 741-7577 or Karen 516 742-8914.

MAY IS BETTER HEARING MONTH-Empire Hearing & Audiology will be offering complimentary hearing screenings in our Williston Park Office. Please call 516 873-9741 to schedule your appointment.

NY PROJECT HOPE-Coping with COVID. Online Wellness Groups. Move Forward with Hope. Confidential, free, anonymous. Find our more at NYprojectHope.org or call 631 481-9700. A program of NYS Office of Mental Health.

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!



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Most Reverend Emil A. Wcela, D.D.

Most Reverend Emil A. Wcela, D. D. died on May 21, 2022. Born in Bohemia N.Y. on May 1, 1931. Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre on June 2, 1956. Ordained auxiliary bishop on December 13, 1988. Served as vicar for the Eastern Vicariate of the diocese until his retirement on April 3, 2007. After serving as associate pastor of the Parish of Maria Regina, Seaford, he was appointed in 1959 to the faculty of St. Pius X Preparatory Seminary where he taught Latin. Bishop Wcela earned M.A. degrees in Classical Studies from Fordham University and Semitic Studies from The Catholic University of America and licentiates in theology from The Catholic University of America and Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute. In 1965, he was assigned to the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington. From 1973-1979 he served as rector. He served as director of the program for continuing education of priests from 1969 - 1975. He was the author of six books in a Bible study series and of numerous articles and book reviews. From 1979 - 1987, he served as Pastor of the Parish of St. Joseph, Garden City. Named an honorary prelate (Monsignor) by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1980. In 1988, he was named founding pastor of Resurrection Church, Farmingville. Served United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in many capacities. Brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Barbara Wcela, live in Florida. His mother, Albina Kovarik Wcela, passed away in 1996, and his father, Emil died in 1970.