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**Letters of Recommendation:** Are given to registered parishioners who attend Mass and support the parish. Please call the office for assistance.

**Penance (Confession):** 1/2 hour before all weekend Masses and by appointment, call 716-885-2469.

Baptism: Please see Mr. Ron to make arrangements.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you would like to be anointed, or receive communion, please call the office 716-885-2469.

Marriages: Engaged couples should contact their church 6 months prior to the wedding.

Pre-Marriage Requirements: All couples are required to attend a pre-cana program. Contact the Diocese of Buffalo at 716-847-2203 for more information.

## Seventh Sunday of Easter-May 21, 2023



Saturday, May 20, 2023—7th Sunday 4:00 p.m. Albert Hanna by Wife & Daughter and for Our Mothers Living & Deceased

9:00 a.m. For Our Mothers Living & Deceased
11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving For Favors Received and
Mary Payate BD Intentions by Family

Monday, May 22, 2023
11:30 a.m. Convent
7:00 p.m.—Church—Novena to Our Lady of Hope
For Our Mothers Living & Deceased

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 11:30 a.m. Convent

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 11:30 a.m. Convent For Our Fathers Living & Deceased

Thursday, May 25, 2023
11:30 a.m. Convent In Honor of Mother Cabrini by A
Parishioner

Friday, May 26, 2023 11:30 a.m. Convent All Souls Intentions

Saturday, May 27, 2023
4:00 p.m. Josette Covert by Husband, Darrell
6:00 P.M.—Memorial Mass—Anita Mahon by Family

Sunday, May 28, 2023 9:00 a.m. Brendan, Patricia & Jack Cody by Cody Family 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members Of The

Former Loretto Guild by Elyse McDowell

The Sanctuary Light for the week of May 21st—May 27th
Is Burning

In Loving Memory of Shirley Maulucci By Family

Please remember our parishioners and friends who are in need of our special prayers: Sue Dugarm, Rosa Maria Santos, Marie Amatrano, Peter Green, Margaret Treanor Frey, Thalya Onelien, Tony Mascellino, Florence Bonvisutto, Phyllis Regensdorfer, Ann Licata, Cornelia Ndimarike, Ken Kulhanek, Agnes Myar, Dolly Mascellino, Darrell Covert, Ida Rine, Joe Tomasello, Saw Pwe Doh, Marian Rodriguez, Poe Meh, Robin Tomasello, Mu Reh, Toni Vaccaro.

#### COLLECTION TEAM (C) IS ON THIS WEEK.

**REMINDER** The Mass book for 2023 is open. Masses can be scheduled at weekday or weekend liturgies to remember deceased loved ones, intentions of the sick or homebound and in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries or other events that mark the lives of our family or loved ones. Please call Cheryl our secretary to schedule. Stipends (Offerings) for announced masses are \$15.00.

WELCOME FR. VINCENT—Please join us in welcoming Fr. Vincent Adaikalasamy, OMI, to Our Lady of Hope and our Family of Churches. Fr. Vincent comes to us from India.

Our Bulletin is Provided Courtesy of Lombardo Funeral Homes

### Stewardship, our partnership with God May 14, 2023

 Regular Sunday Collection
 \$ 2,283.00

 Insurance
 222.00

 Monthly Fuel
 224.00

 Total
 \$ 2,729.00

Stewardship Is Our Partnership with God— Your prayer, financial support and time given to various projects enable your church Community to continue its mission. Thank you for your continued generosity.

<u>HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS</u> within Eucharistic Adoration in our church this evening, May 21st 7:00-8:00 PM. Everyone is invited.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to all those who worked on the Mother's Day celebration and especially the Luncheon. The food was exceptionally good. It was a very special day for everyone.

# AN OVERIVEW OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2023

- A. Fr. Felix discussed the PC meeting that was held with Coronation and Holy Cross, said we are doing as the Diocese has asked us to do to come together as a parish family and of calming fears of any of the parishes closing. He suggests to have a committee with 2 parish council members from each of the three parishes to get together to have a sense of community and work together. The three parishes will be sharing priests.
- B. Pat Rine joined the meeting with his thoughts and asked about ringing the bells at mass and other concerns he has on how we might do things differently.
- C. Fr. Felix asked the PC to think about these questions:
  - 1) Where are we as Our Lady of Hope?
  - 2) What are our strengths and weaknesses?
  - 3) Where do we want to go as a Church?
  - 4) How do we get there?
- D. Thank you to the 60 people who responded to the Social Committee and volunteered to help out.
- E. Summer Projects—Ron Reported that a major project will be the charging stations in the parking lot through a grant from the Federal Government . Revenue is produced for our parish from renting the parking lot spaces to Guercio, Global Villages, Kens Nails and the Credit Union.

TASTE OF DIVERSITY IS BACK Vendors wanted!!! Celebrating Cultural Diversity on Buffalo's West Side...Saturday, June 24th 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. This cultural experience has been celebrating now for over 16 years. Your participation would be appreciated. We are looking for new food, retail, and artisan vendors to apply. PLEASE visit <a href="https://www.tasteofdiversity.com">www.tasteofdiversity.com</a> for more info.

A VOCATION THOUGHT: "Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come," Deacons and Priests feel the same on their ordination day. Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Consecrated Virgins feel the same on their day of solemn profession. Their hour has come. If you can imagine yourself standing in this scene, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit us at buffalovocations.org.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Theme: We remain at the heart of Jesus mission.

Family Question: Prayer is essential to being a disciple, because it is the way we build or relationship with God—through talking and listening. What is one way you can take more time this week to listen to God in prayer?

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14 Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11a

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION Jesus' prayer in the Gospel today is at once majestic and deeply intimate. He offers himself to the Father, not for his own glory but for the one who sent him. He prays for those who have held firm to the truth and who have clung to him in the world, knowing that now they would not have him with them any longer. He prays, most of all, that despite the distance and difference in their experience of him, we his followers might embrace the oneness between them and the Father. "That all may be one."

Through the Easter Season, we have celebrated the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Easter is not a one-day celebration but rather a culmination of all that Jesus Christ has shared with us through his presence on earth. Easter is not a moment in time but a movement of God's great love for us, shared through the life of Jesus Christ.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2023: Is your child aged 12 -17 displaying chronic negative behaviors such as noncompliance, verbal and/or physical aggression, truancy, school failure, curfew violations, running away, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity? Catholic Charities Multisystemic Therapy Program (MST) in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties can help. MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention program that's facilitated in the youth's natural environments, including the home. Think MST might be a good fit? Call 716-597-0756, ext. 2252. Appeal 2023 is ongoing through June 20th. To donate today visit www.ccwny.org/donate, or text GIVEHOPE23 to 44321 today.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL The real presence. News and updates in our diocese. The actual revival opened on June 19, 2022, on the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, which celebrated the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The revival is taking shape over the course of three years. The Parish Year, which begins on Sunday June 11, 2023, will focus more on you, the parishioner in the pew, in our parishes and families, to search for and foster ways that we as Catholics can experience the Eucharist and deepen our friendship with Christ Jesus. With this comes the hope that we will be inspired to share that friendship with others. In 2024, the Year of Missionary Sending will conclude with the National Eucharistic Congress (the 1st in 83 years) in Indianapolis on Pentecost 2025.

CELERATING MEMORIAL DAY at a Catholic Cemetery is truly a mixture of flags and wreaths and tributes and taps. Join us at one of two locations for Memorial Day Mass as we honor those who have served our country. Saturday May 27 at 10 am, Bishop Michael Fisher will celebrate Mass at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Kenmore and Fr. William Quinlivan will celebrate Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery in Lackawanna. Military are always welcome to represent their branch of the military. Masses will be outdoors, rain or shine. A tent with seating will be available. Bring your own lawn chair. Call 716-873-6500 for information.