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FALL 2025

*HOPE*  
*DOES NOT*  
*DISAPPOINT*  
*ROMANS 5:5*

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*"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" Romans 5:5*

**September 23:** *HOPE IN THE SCRIPTURES*

Presenter: Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli

Bishop Serratelli's lecture will surround the teachings and understandings of the virtue of hope within the writings of Scripture. A question/answer session may follow the lecture.

Bishop Serratelli, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Paterson, is a noted Scripture scholar, writer, and lecturer. He studied Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University and Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute.

**October 21:** *HOPE IS AN ACTION WORD*

Presenter: Sister Marie Pauline Demek, SCC

Sister delves into the meaning and power of hope from both secular and religious perspectives exploring: definitions of hope, types/dimensions of hope, key characteristics/elements of hope, relationship between hope and well-being, and how hope inspires action.

The lecture will also highlight some saints known for their embodiment of hope.

President of Assumption College for Sisters since 2023. Prior to this ministry, Sister served as Director of Villa Pauline Spiritual Center, Mendham, and as teacher/administrator and pastoral associate in various schools and parishes

**November 18:** *HOPE IN OUR TIMES: Our Need For It*

Presenter: Rev. James Croghan, SJ

Hope is at the core of our identity as Christians, people who profess the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our faith makes us a people of hope, which should serve us well in challenging and difficult times. In this talk, we will explore how to engage contemporary challenges with hope (and faith and love).

Fr. Croghan currently teaches Theology at Boston College High School, Boston, MA and is superior of the Jesuit Community at Boston College HS. For over 20 years, Fr. Jim was a missionary in Micronesia. He earned his BA degree in Philosophy from Fordham, graduate degrees in Theology from the Weston School of Theology and an MA in education from Harvard.

**December 9:** *WAITING FOR HOPE*

Presenter: Judith Schiavo

"To have hope is to continue to dream a different world – without world hunger, injustice, discrimination" (Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo). We were given the gift of hope in Baptism. Do we really possess this gift? You are invited to reflect on how to live in hope in light of the Beatitudes and works of mercy that Jesus has given us.

Judy is a full-time spiritual/retreat director. She holds a MA in Secondary Education/Spanish from Seton Hall University and a MS in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction from Fordham University.