



Our Lady OF Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

*February 14, 2016
First Sunday of Lent*

BAPTISM: Parent preparation program required. Please call the rectory at least three months prior to the birth of the child. Arrangements for the Baptism may be made upon completion of instructions. Please call the Rectory office to set up Baptism date and time.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 3:30 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

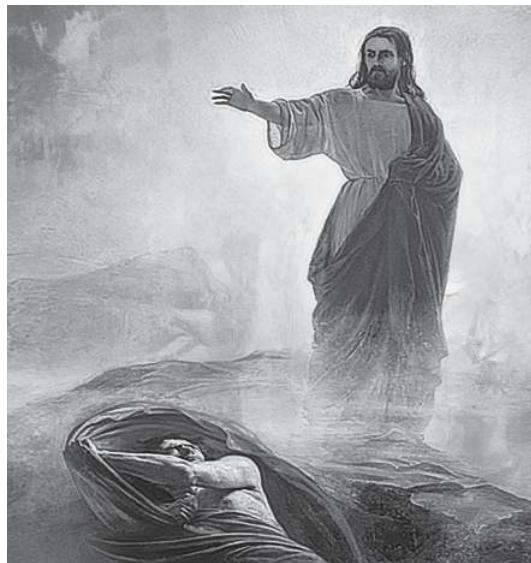
MARRIAGES: Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS (PRIESTHOOD/DIACONATE):

For information please contact Fr. Begin. For information on Religious Life, please contact S. Irene.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Please call Rectory office.

REGISTRATION: If you are new in the parish, please register at the rectory or online at our website. If you moved out of the parish, please notify the rectory.



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 8:30am-3:00pm. Anytime for emergencies.

"The devil said to him... 'All this will be yours, if you worship me.'" Jesus faced temptation, like we all do. His forty-day fast in the desert wasn't full of supernatural consolation and delight. He was subject to "every temptation" and when the forty days were over, "he was hungry." In other words, he was human. Jesus' divine nature didn't cancel out his human nature. He faced struggles just like we do--both physical and spiritual--in his body and his soul.

As we see in today's Gospel, the strategy Jesus used to fight these physical and spiritual battles was to immerse himself in God's word. To silence the devil during this fast, Jesus quoted Scripture. He rooted himself in these eternal truths, relying upon them in his moments of trial. And these sacred words had a dramatic effect. Every time Satan tried to seduce him with a new promise, Jesus responded with a Bible verse. And each time, Satan was silenced and had to try a new angle. Finally, when all the devilish angles had been tried, "the devil departed from him for a time." Jesus won the victory using the weapon of God's word.

As we enter into the season of Lent, we can be armed in the same way. We now embark upon a battle against our own pride, sloth, and greed as we commit to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Ultimately, we are working to put God first, instead of bowing down to our selfishness and our desire for comfort. The devil would like nothing more than to see us "worship" him in these ways. But, instead, let's be equipped to proclaim--and to live--the words Jesus himself used: "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Sunday, February 14
First Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m. Dominic DeGiovanna
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, February 15

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Greif

Tuesday, February 16

7:30 a.m. Rosary
8:00 a.m. George & Mary Koneval
Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, February 17

8:00 a.m. Edward Agoston

Thursday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Robert L. Gilbert II

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Edmund Lubinski

Saturday, February 20

3:30 p.m. Confession
4:30 p.m. Veronica & Joseph Horvath

Sunday, February 21

Second Sunday of Lent

9:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Lou Champa

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Hospitality Sunday after both Masses in the Social Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

President's Day—Rectory Office Closed
Evening Lenten Vespers, 7pm in Church
Boy Scouts, 7:30pm in Scout Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Stations of the Cross, 7pm in Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Cub Scouts, 7pm in Scout Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Stations of the Cross, 2:15pm in Church
Bedford Unity A.A. Group Mtg., 8pm in Club Room.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Because of the Privacy Act, parish visitation to the hospitalized can occur only at the request of the patient or a family member. Let us know if you or a family member is in the hospital and wants a visit from the rectory.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

February 6/7, 2016

Weekly Collection \$5,691.01
Envelopes used..... 273
Comfort the Needy..... \$495.00
Repairs & Maintenance..... \$297.00

Special Collections

Eastern Europe-\$107.00; Diocesan Assessments-\$122.00; Easter Flowers-\$47.00; Mary, Mother of God-\$7.00; Catholic University-\$11.00; Home Missions-\$42.00; Black & Indian Mission-\$36.00.

Thank you for your generosity!!

ONLINE GIVING

Did you forget your checkbook or offering envelope today? Don't worry...we have you covered! Giving is as simple as...

1. Log into www.ourladyofhopebedford.org using any device.
2. Click One-time or Recurring donations.
3. Select the form of payment you wish to use.
4. Funds are deposited into the Church bank account.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick in our parish and families, especially: Elayne Stefanek, William Palumbo, Kathleen Tesmer, Trudy Zimo, Sharon Brauer, Jenie Royer, Bryndl Healy, Avianna Wichert, Mary Jean Mitchell, Bob Salko, Jeanne Stier, Jessie Tyszka, Daisy Darus, Paul Recko, Dennis King, Joyce Dubsy, Joe Offutt, Mary Babler, Zach Hale, Lois St. John, Ken Hudak, Mary Bova, Walter Johnson, Lil Kalal, Daniel Saunders, Marie Walker, Ella Mae Gongos, James Wichert, Norman Kostyo, Tobias McDaniel, Lisa Snyder, Mary Jane Olwell, Therese Holland. Paula Balogh, Marguerite Waple, Charles Sprowls, Ann Murg, Helen Barto, Stephon Smedley, Helen Harrison, Lenore Nipper, Julia Eppich, Betty Rogers, Daniel Rogers, Martha Harkai, Michaela Fortlage, Dan O'Reilly Family, Carmella Genova, Jackie Desch, William Imtihare, Virginia Duda, Joseph McElhone, John Lemponen, Matthew Reeve, Clare Rizzo, Shirley Hershberger, Barbara Burda, Madison Simko, Myah Simko, Jim Waple, Dave Mordarski, Joe Palumbo, Rosemary Holycross, Kay Winger, Daniel D. Baran, Bernie Sylvester, Edward Bryndal, Jerry Bryndal, Perry Travagliante, George Mallis, Don Wondolowski, Betty Biros, Mary Grauel, Saleema Corrigan . . .

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross on all Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in the Church.

SANCTUARY LAMP

February 13th thru 19

In Memory of

Harry & Darrel Litwinowicz



Dear Parishioners,

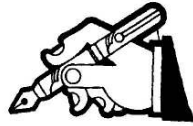
Every year as a child on Ash Wednesday I would commit myself to giving up a number of things and trying to do positively some other things. I remember my mother giving up desserts and soap operas, dad giving up cigarettes and Uncle Pete giving up drinking and smoking. It didn't make them very nice! By this time I had already failed in my resolve and decided I would be successful next year. When I got to the seminary I decided to give up sex and watermelon because neither were available to me and was much more successful.

Sincere change and growth is actually a process that usually doesn't happen successfully in one decision. It is a process of falling and then getting up. Don't give up! If you failed start again! No one is watching or grading. Today is the day to become more Christlike.

Please take time to fill out the Catholic Charities envelope even if you are not giving! It will help them know that you have already been contacted.

Love & Peace,

Fr. Dan



FOOTBALL SQUARES FUNDRAISER!!

Thank you to all who made the Super Bowl football squares a success. Below are the winners of this fundraiser:

\$10.00 Per Square Board Winners:

- 1st Quarter – **Dom Flauto**
- Half Time – **Mary Duber**
- 3rd Quarter – **Sue Macha**
- Final Score – **Mike Petrella**

Each parish will receive \$250.00 profit from the sale of the \$10.00 per square board.

\$5.00 Per Square Board Winners:

- 1st Quarter – **Al Zak**
- Half Time – **Mr. Gregus**
- 3rd Quarter – **Ema Slaby**
- Final Score – **Mike Bucur**

Each parish will receive \$125.00 profit from the sale of the \$5.00 per square board.

PARISH LOTTERY NEWS!

Congratulations to our most recent winners for the month of January:

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| 01/01 #594 Tom Emling | 01/17 #749 Debbie VanHouten |
| 01/03 #414 Ron Rapsik | 01/22 #780 Paula Mizsak |
| 01/07 #216 John K. Podrzaj | 01/23 #888 Virginia Henderson |
| 01/11 #724 Jeff Pohto | 01/25 #018 Nathan Telling |
| 01/12 #597 Lori Shafer | 01/28 #125 Mick Gongos |
| 01/14 #640 Bill Marks | 01/28 #421 Cathy DiBarto |
| 01/15 #563 Patti Hurst | 01/30 #856 Rodger Kingsmill |

Thank you for your continuing participation!

To Our Lady of Hope Parishioners—

Thank you for the donation of 179 food pantry items and \$40.00 to support Light of Heart Villa's Seton Safety Net Food Pantry. These generous contributions will be used to assist local seniors in need of food ad personal care items. The Seton Safety Net has helped so many seniors in Bedford and neighboring communities. These people are often in need of a helping hand at a moment of shortfall. At times, their fixed income doesn't always meet their needs and with help from people like you, we are able to step in and help.

—Light of Hearts Villa

HUNGERING FOR OPPORTUNITY

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org for more info.

ST. MARY LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

Leave your cooking up to us this Friday and all Fridays in Lent, including Good Friday. Our Lenten Fish Fries are from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Social Center. We will feature both breaded fresh catfish and breaded cod. We will also offer shrimp, pierogis, clam chowder, cabbage and noodles, clam strips, macaroni and cheese, and of course plenty of desserts. Take out orders are available.



The Jubilee year is an ancient Jewish tradition of pardon and reconciliation celebrated every 50 years when the community imitated God's mercy and forgiveness. Adopted for

Catholics in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII there have been 29 jubilee years since then. Pope Francis wants this "Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to be a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective."

THIS LENT OPEN YOUR HEART TO JESUS CALL



Join us for the "Life in the Eucharist" Mission to be held Monday, February 9th, thru Friday, March 4th, at Our Lady of Hope Parish. Each night begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends no later than 8:30 p.m. Fri-

day night will be a closing Mass and Social which will run a little later than 8:30 p.m. Please contact your parish rectory office to RSVP for the mission with your name and how many will be attending with you. A number of those attending will be needed for materials and the Friday evening Mass & Social. There is no cost for the mission, but a free will offering will be accepted. Hope to see you there!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY



Please join us this Sunday, February 14th, in the Social Hall after both Masses for our Hospitality Sunday sponsored by our Boy Scout Troop. We look forward to seeing you there!!

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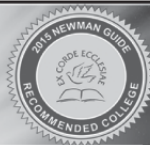
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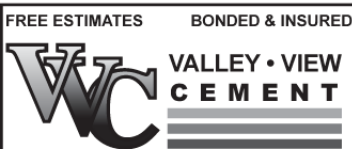
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