



Our Lady OF Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

*April 24, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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.

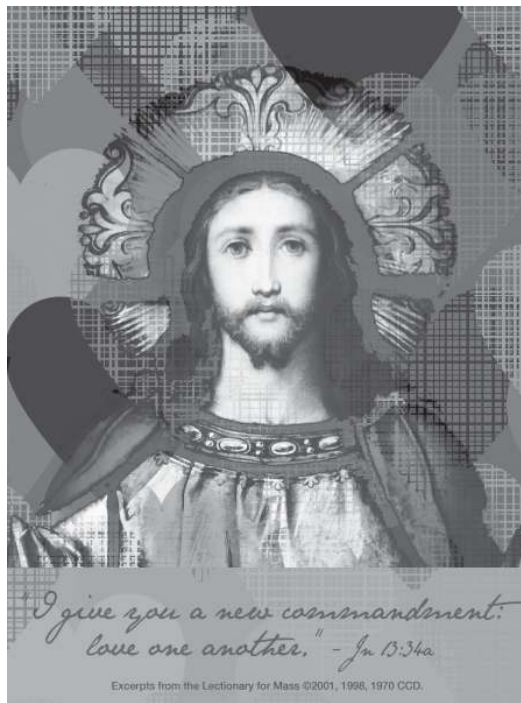
MARRIAGES: Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

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.



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www.ourladyofhopebedford.org

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." When people watch us, do they know that we are the disciples of Jesus?

As Christians, we are called to do more than love the Lord. We are called to be his witnesses in the world by loving others as well. In today's Gospel reading, he gave us a new commandment, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Anyone, everyone, should be able to look at us and see this love in action. If we are not witnesses to this love, then we are falling short of our mission.

So, how did Jesus love us? Selflessly. His love was never motivated by personal gain. On the contrary, he often suffered for us, and not just on the cross. He faced rejection and animosity for loving those who were considered "unlovable" in his culture. He lived a life of poverty and simplicity, never focused on amassing things for himself, but always willing to give of himself. This is the love we are called to imitate.

The task can feel daunting. We are not perfect people, and being witnesses to Christ-like love can strike us as a lofty challenge. Of course, it's easier to be selfless and generous with people who love us in return, or with those who stir our compassion. But to be consistent witnesses to loving one another in all circumstances--like Jesus does for us--that takes it to another level. Thankfully, however, Jesus doesn't expect us to do this on our own. He promises us his Spirit to live in us and love through us. Through our baptism, we have his Spirit dwelling in our hearts, along with the supernatural gifts of faith, hope, and love. May we make these gifts flourish.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Sunday, April 24
Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m.....Living & Deceased Parishioners
11:00 a.m.....The Kustala, Garganta & Santa Lucia Families

Monday, April 25

8:00 a.m.....James M. Jones

Tuesday, April 26

7:30 a.m.....Rosary
8:00 a.m.....Robert Ford
Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 a.m.....1st Catholic Slovak Living Jr. Branch J380 Members

Thursday, April 28

8:00 a.m.....Michael Lagaza

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, April 29

8:00 a.m.....Joseph & Bernard Lubinski

Saturday, April 30

3:30 p.m.....Confession
4:30 p.m.....Kenneth & Josephine Perz

Sunday, May 1
Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m.....Living & Deceased Parishioners
11:00 a.m.....Jill Koneval

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Seniors Board Mtg., 2pm in Rectory
Evening Easter Vespers, 7pm in Church
Boy Scouts, 7:30pm in Scout Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

SVDP Mtg., 2pm in Rectory

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Cub Scout Mtg., 7pm in School Building

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Bedford Unity A.A. Group Mtg., 8pm in Club Room

EVENING EASTER VESPERS

Please join us for Evening Easter Vespers on Monday evenings from now until May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church with Deacon Bill Starkey.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

April 16/17, 2016

Weekly Collection\$4,074.84
Envelopes used 234
Online Giving\$382.00
SVDP-Comfort the Poor.....\$26.00
Repairs & Maintenance\$195.00

Special Collections

Easter-\$80.00; Good Friday-\$2.00; Catholic Home Missions-\$5.00.

Thank you for your generosity!!

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED...

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick in our parish and families, especially: Elayne Stefanek, Kathleen Tesmer, Trudy Zimo, 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, Lois St. John, Ken Hudak, Mary Bova, Walter Johnson, Lil Kalal, Daniel Saunders, Marie Walker, Ella Mae Gongos, James Wichert, Norman Kostyo, Therese Holland. Paula Balogh, Marguerite Waple, Charles Sprowls, Ann Murg, Helen Barto, Stephon Smedley, Helen Harrison, Lenore Nipper, Betty Rogers, Daniel Rogers, Martha Harkai, Dan O'Reilly Family, Carmella Genova, Jackie Desch, William Intihare, 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, Daniel D. Baran, Bernie Sylvester, Edward Bryndal, Jerry Bryndal, Perry Travagliante, George Mallis, Don Wondolowski, Betty Biros, Mary Grauel, Saleema Corrigan, Joan Lucas, Nancy Lachowski, Edie Incorvaia, Steve M. Cingel, Taj Render, Dorothy Litwinowicz, Fr. Thomas Lusoski, Eileen Salupo, Vicky Hunter, Linda Marks . . .

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.

SANCTUARY LAMP

April 23rd thru 29th
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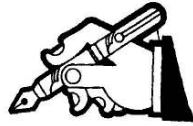
Betty Jones & Violet Vash

(Also displayed by the Tabernacle.)



Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make St. Mary's night at the races a success. We don't have the final profit figured out yet but it was definitely great. Special thanks to all who placed ads, bought races and horses and attended. The proceeds will allow us to keep events like the Seder Meal, St. Patrick's Day, Pre-Cana, prayer breakfast and others as free will offering events so that all can attend.



Love & Peace,

Fr. Dan



God's desire to be in a covenant relationship with us keeps God alert to our cries for help and eager to deliver us from whatever separates us from God (sin).

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you or someone that you know (14 years of age or older) have been Baptized and received First Communion but have never been confirmed, please consider checking into the gifts and blessings of receiving this sacrament. There is still time for preparation if you choose to be confirmed in September of 2016. Please contact Louise at 440-232-8166 for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING SESSIONS

If you or someone that you know is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please call Louise at 440-232-8166. Eucharistic Ministry training workshops are beginning.

URGENT NEED!!

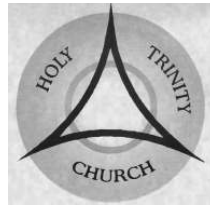
We are in need of adult men and women servers for our funeral services. We will schedule a training session for those who volunteer. If you are interested, please call Louise at 440-232-8166.

HANDICAPPED SECTION

Please be mindful that the blue chairs in the back of the church are for those who are handicapped or having physical difficulties. Please refrain from using them if you do not have those kinds of issues.

ONLINE GIVING

Our Lady of Hope accepts one-time and recurring online donations conveniently from our website. Just log into www.ourladyofhopebedford.org using any device and look for the Online Giving tab and follow the instructions. Thank you for your generosity!!



SAVE THE DATE—MARK YOUR CALENDARS—for our Holy Trinity Pancake Breakfast/Brunch Reunion on Holy Trinity Sunday, May 21st! We will start with 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by breakfast/brunch in the Social Hall. All parishioners, family and friends are invited and try to spread the word to any former Holy Trinity parishioners that you may know. To make reservations please call Verna at the rectory (440-232-8166). Come join us for some good food, memories and fellowship!! Free will offering!



We would like to thank all those who helped us provide for those in need at Easter with your donations of money, hams and food. We were able to help 25 families in our surrounding communities who would like you to know how grateful they truly are. We are so very fortunate to have such generous parishioners.

Note: Our April 27th meeting will meet at 2:00 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF HOPE SENIORS NEWS!!

Just a reminder that our meetings will now be held on the first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise indicated. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 3rd, at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. At that meeting there will be sign-up sheets for our picnic which will be held on June 14th at 11:30 a.m. at Ellenwood. Hope to see you at our next meeting. We invite all seniors to come and join our group!!



SPRING CLEANING?

When spring cleaning, keep in mind that the Ladies Auxiliary will hold its annual Rummage Sale this July. Please save your unwanted items for the sale. We will begin collecting in early June.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Department for Marriage and Family Ministry and the Office for Worship are pleased to announce the **50th Anniversary of Marriage Mass on Sunday, July 31, 2016** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. **The Mass is at 2:30 p.m.** Bishop Richard Lennon will be the principal celebrant. If you were married in 1966 or are celebrating another significant anniversary (55 years or more) of marriage, you are welcome to register and attend. **Please see your parish secretary for more information and a registration form.**

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