



Our Lady OF Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

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. TIME: First Sunday of the month, 12:30 p.m. (or during one of the Masses).

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.

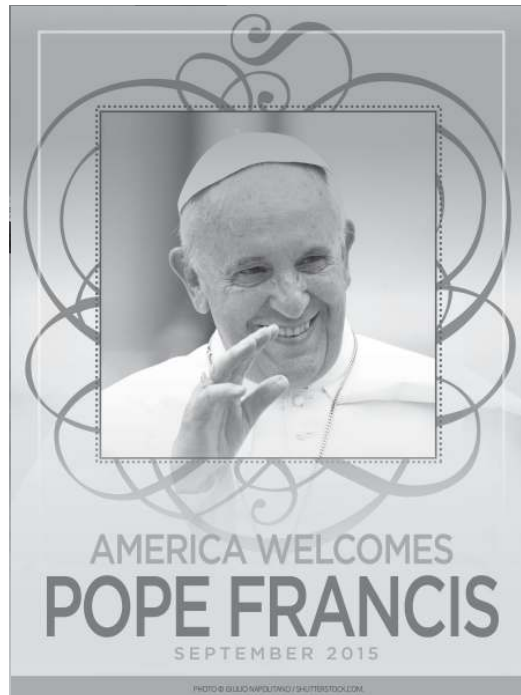
SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS (PRIESTHOOD/DIACONATE):

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. If you moved out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

*September 27, 2015
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon & 1:00-4:30 p.m. Anytime for emergencies.

"It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna." Jesus' listeners would have recognized this reference. Gehenna was in fact a deep ravine located outside of Jerusalem that had a sordid past. It had been the site of pagan rituals in which children were forced to walk through fire. Thus the spot had become known as a symbol for the fires of hell. In today's Gospel, Jesus is making a dramatic contrast between "life" (heaven) and Gehenna (hell). He emphasizes that no sacrifice is too great to keep oneself out of the miseries of hell. His images are shocking. Cutting off hands and feet? Plucking out eyes? Ouch! Is hell really so bad that we'd rather go to heaven maimed than go to hell in one piece? Apparently so.

Some interpreters suggest that Jesus was using hyperbole to make his point. Perhaps. But whether it was literal or figurative, the point remains clear: we need to do whatever it takes to avoid sin and ultimately to avoid hell. The catechism defines this state of eternal misery as "definitive self-exclusion from communion with God" (§1033). Yes, self-exclusion. God doesn't "send" anyone to hell. Rather, someone chooses hell when he or she freely chooses something over God and won't repent.

The choice is ours: cut out the source of the sin--painful though it may be--or stubbornly march with our beloved sins straight into Gehenna. Realistically, what we choose "over" God are not so much our physical body parts as things like a high-paying job that isn't ethical, a favorite pastime that isn't morally upright, or a relationship that isn't chaste. Jesus tells us clearly today, whatever it is that "causes you to sin, cut it off." Period.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Sunday, September 27

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m. Mary Ann Greif

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, September 28

8:00 a.m. Carl E. Port, Sr.

Tuesday, September 29

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Edward Tyszka

Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 a.m. Judy Chizmar

Thursday, October 1

8:00 a.m. Kathy Korchek & Jeff Martinek 's 10th
Wedding Anniversary

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, October 2

8:00 a.m. Mary Dubrunick

Saturday, October 3

3:30 p.m. Confession

4:30 p.m. Joseph & Veronica Horvath

Sunday, October 4

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m. Dominic DiGiovanna

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Boy Sc. Mtg., 7:30pm in Classrooms

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

SVDP Mtg., 3pm in Rectory

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Cub Scout Mtg., 7pm in Classrooms

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 & 4

Food Collection weekend

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OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

September 19/20, 2015

Weekly Collection \$5,094.80

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Comfort the Needy \$215.00

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Faith-\$25.00; All Saints-\$25.00.

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick in our parish and families, especially: James Wichert, Andy Wagner, Marcella Jonke, Mildred Luckay, Tina Puleo, Dorothy Rutkowski, Pearl Smolik, Maryann Wondolowski, Lawrence Checki, Mike Bulone, Lena Swidarski, Loretta Fazio, Norman Kostyo, Helen Pavuk, Bill Pavuk, Joseph Delphia, Shirley Manning, Sal Vecchio, Viola Saunders, Anne Andrews, Josephine Incorvaia, Ellen Vascek, Bruno Kotarski, Stanley Kobus, Marguerite Waple, Ann Murg, Rene Kowolack, Mike Rutkowski, Maryanne Jahn, Ethel Cataldo, Eva Gajda, Andrea Lubinski, Don Wondolowski, Ayn Wood, Joplin Wood, Joseph Palumbo, Matthew Reeves, Elayne Stefanek, Maria Sbiar, William Palumbo, Nyoko McCullough, Ronald Lubinski, Kathleen Tesmer, Trudy Zimo, Sharon Brauer, Brian Tench, Frank Richnavsky, Jenie Royer, Bryndl Healy, Avianna Wichert, Rosemary Holycross, John Richuisa, Megan Capes, Walter Kowalski, Mary Ann Papesh, Albina Skocaj, Mary Jean Mitchell, Bob Salko, Jeanne Stier, Jessie Tyszka, Charles Edward, Daisy Darus, John Holland, Paul Recko, Dennis King, Maximo Tulio, Joyce Dubsy, Joe Offutt, Mary Babler, Zach Hale, Joan Vanier, Andy Wagner, Lois St. John, Ken Hudak, Mary Bova, Helen Saracusa, Mr. & Mrs. Falorio, Walter Johnson, Lil Kalal, Daniel Sanders, Marie Walker, JoAnn Kowalski, Matthew Reeve, Andrea Lubinski . . .

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

September 26 thru October 2nd

In Memory of

David Tomko

Dear Parishioners,

I can't tell you how happy I was with the Homecoming celebration at St. Mary's. The liturgy was awesome with choir members from Our Lady of Hope, and all three St. Mary Masses. Art Kane, and Coeli played along with Rick Zivsak on guitar. We filled the choir section with beautiful voices! Thanks for all who helped, all who came, and all who invited people!



October and November are jam packed with opportunities to build community, to grow spiritually, to grow in our faith and of course to eat and drink while we build community. Life in the spirit is next weekend on Friday and Saturday at the St. Mary convent. If you love prayer and praise this is for you. Sign up today. I would be thrilled if some of you from both parishes could go to "Bridging the Racial Divide" on October 9th and 10th at St. John of the Cross. I promise you won't be disappointed! Clarence Williams and Bob Marva are two really fine speakers. If the \$50 is too much just let me know by calling Julie at St. Mary's and I will find scholarship money. The 9th of October is also a Bedford Frigate here at St. Mary's. Those who have attended in the past have not been disappointed.

Light of Hearts fall festival will provide a good opportunity to eat some great food and find wonderful company as we help support their wonderful ministry. These are just a start! Join in on the fun and make a difference in our church, our community and our world.

Love & Peace,

Fr. Dan

MYSTERY OF GOD

"Who God Is & Why He Matters"

Our Lady of Hope Parish will be offering Bishop Robert Barron's (originator of the 'Catholicism' series) newest Adult Faith Formation study program, "The Mystery of God." There are six sessions to be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Church. The first session will be on Monday, October 5th. All are welcome. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Louise at 440-232-8166. If there is any interest in having morning sessions, please contact Louise at above number.

FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend, October 3rd & 4th, is our Food Collection for the poor. We appreciate all that was given last month to help our food pantry. We are so grateful for your generosity.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you or someone that you know have been Baptized and received First Communion but have never been confirmed please call Louise at 440-232-8166.

If you are 14 years of age or older and are interested in learning more about this third Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church, we can meet in group or individual sessions.



LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS!

Come and enjoy the fun! Our annual Autumn Card Party is in the Social Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. today (Sunday) —we'll have a light lunch, door prizes, raffles and the \$500 cash raffle winners will be drawn. Tickets are still available at the door. Don't miss out!!

BLANKET SUNDAY

The weekend of October 10/11 marks the Twenty-Ninth Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the needy. The collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. This year, due to lack of storage space, we will sponsor a **cash only** collection. We'll gratefully accept your cash donation and do the shopping for you. We can do bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed for low income families. So give someone a blanket for the winter—and give yourself a warm feeling.

"LOOSE CHANGE CHANGES LIVES"

Help us change the lives of an expectant mom and her baby by participating in our **Womankind Baby Bottle Fundraiser**. Next weekend, October 3rd & 4th, we will be distributing baby bottles at the entrances of the church. We're asking you to take them home, fill them with your loose change, and return them to the church the weekend of October 24th & 25th. The funds generated will help Womankind provide free prenatal care and a full range of support services to pregnant women in need. For more info check out the website at www.womankindcleveland.com.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

There will be a Life in the Spirit Seminar for all who are interested in charismatic prayer on Friday evening, October 2nd, through Saturday, October 3rd at St. Mary Retreat Center (former Convent). The spiritual directors will be Fr. Norm Douglas and Fr. Dan Begin. Call Jerry & Grace Wrobel at 440-425-2678 for more info.

CLAMBAKE

Scattered Seed & St. Mary's annual clambake will be held on Sunday, October 18th, in the social hall. Serving starts at 12:30 pm. Info and registrations in the Narthex.

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