



Our Lady OF Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

October 18, 2015

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Rectory office to set up Baptism date and time.

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

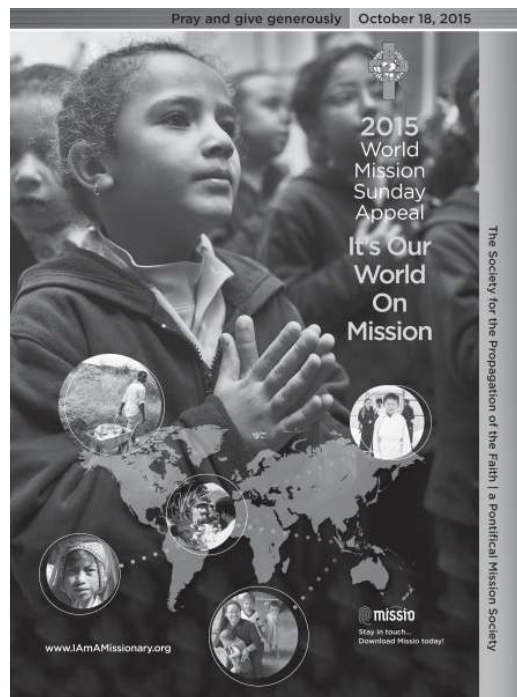
MARRIAGES: Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

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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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Anytime for emergencies.

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant." In the wake of James and John's vanity, Jesus offers this directive. These two apostles had been thinking in terms of prominence, glory, and worldly honor. They wanted their association with Jesus to lead to public recognition and respect as they took their places at his right and left. But Jesus put them in their place. As was typical of so many of his teachings, Jesus upset the status quo. He told his followers that, although "great ones make their authority over them felt ... it shall not be so among you." Then, he put forward this clear image of the servant leader: "Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."

As followers of Christ, this instruction applies to us as well. We are called to the humility of service that seeks neither personal glory nor gain. We are called to use what authority we may have in the world for the benefit of our brothers and sisters, not for the sake of stroking our own egos. It's easy to pat ourselves on the back for the good works that we do--to think that we are superior Christians, that others owe us a debt of gratitude, or that our names should be engraved on a public placard in some noteworthy hall. But Jesus calls us to a different standard--the one he himself exemplified through his life of service.

At the same time, today's Gospel gives us cause to meditate upon our association with Jesus and what we hope to get out of it. Why are we Christian? Are we only after the glory of heaven? Are we afraid to publicly profess our faith when it might hurt our reputation? Or are we in this for the love of the Lord, who came into this world "to serve and to give his life as a ransom" for us?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Sunday, October 18

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Jack & Barb Hirko

Monday, October 19

8:00 a.m. William Mitchell

Tuesday, October 20

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Vi & Michael Opalko

Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 a.m. Judy Chizmar

Thursday, October 22

8:00 a.m. Mary & Cap Diana

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, October 23

8:00 a.m. Wally Kowalski, Jr.

Saturday, October 24

3:30 p.m. Confession

4:30 p.m. Mary Verbos

Sunday, October 25

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Andrew Wagner

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

The Mystery of God Session 3, 7pm in Church

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Renovation Committee Mtg., 7pm in Rectory

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Cub Scout Mtg., 7pm in Classrooms East Wing Up

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Catholics across the country will be celebrating Priesthood Sunday on October 25th. It is a day set aside to celebrate the importance of the gift of priesthood in the life of the Church. It is a time for us to reflect on the ministry that our priests share with us when we gather at the Table of the Lord—when we call in our times of need. **If you would like to give the priests a personal note or card of thanks just put it in the collection basket next weekend and we will make sure they receive it.**

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

October 10/11, 2015

Weekly Collection \$4,349.45
 Envelopes used..... 259
 Comfort the Needy..... \$184.00
 Repairs & Maintenance..... \$357.00

Special Collections

Catholic Communications-\$20.00; All Saints-\$70.00;
 Propagation of Faith-\$34.00.

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, Maria Sbiar, William Palumbo, Kathleen Tesmer, Trudy Zimo, Sharon Brauer, Brian Tench, Jenie Royer, Bryndl Healy, Avianna Wichert, Rosemary Holycross, Mary Jean Mitchell, Bob Salko, Jeanne Stier, Jessie Tyszka, Daisy Darius, Paul Recko, Dennis King, Maximo Tulio, 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, Edith DiGiovanna, 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, Bill Donato...

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

We want to thank all those who took a baby bottle home or will take one home this weekend. There is still time to fill them with loose change and return them to church by next weekend, October 24th & 25th.

SANCTUARY LAMP

We are again offering the parishioners an opportunity to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one in 2016. The Sanctuary Lamp is limited to one week per family per year. The candle lasts for seven days beginning on a Saturday through the following Friday. The name of your loved one will appear in our weekly bulletin and in the church. The donation will be \$10. If you are interested in reserving a week, please call or stop in the rectory during office hours.

SANCTUARY LAMP

October 17th thru 23rd

In Memory of

Gretchko & Ternansky Families

(Also displayed by the tabernacle.)

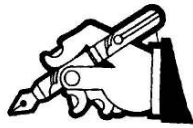
Dear Parishioners,

Jesus challenges James and John and all of us in today's gospel to be servants of all and to give our lives for the sake of the kingdom. Often it would be easier to give our lives totally than it is to give them a little at a time. There are so many ways that the gift of our time, the gift of our effort, the gift of ourselves can make a difference. Responding to those in need in our midst, taking time to talk with someone who is alone or shut in, going out of our way to help others by giving them a ride are just a few gifts of love that can make a difference. Even here at church there are many opportunities to make a difference by our efforts. Coming on time and staying till the end, taking time to meet and greet people, giving the gift of our voice to speak the responses and sing the songs all make a huge difference to everyone in the church. Inviting friends, family and neighbors to fill our empty pews will give us a future. It may not seem like it at times but those little things mean a lot. We can make a difference.

It is not too late to invite people to the RCIA to explore the Catholic faith and for people who want to prepare for sacraments to sign up. Call the rectory for more information.

Love & Peace,

Fr. Dan



THE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES (OF GOD)

“God transcends all creatures. We must therefore continually purify our language of everything that is limited, image-bound or imperfect, if we are not to confuse our image of God—the inexpressible, the incomprehensible, the invisible, the ungraspable”—within our human representations. Our human words always fall short of the mystery of God.” (CCC 42). Please join us on Monday, October 19th, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Church for Lesson 3 of the “Mystery of God” series.

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.



ANOTHER GREAT “COVERUP”—THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL BLANKET SUNDAY

The collection for the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Sunday collection totaled \$944.00 in cash donations. Many needy families and individuals will receive warm blankets, essential bedding and other items for the winter months through our Ozanam Centers, Catholic Charities agencies and parish groups in our own metropolitan area. A sincere thank you to all our parishioners who assisted through their donations and prayers.



NUT SALE FOR 2015

This year's Nut Sale is for a shorter period than in the past, Oct. 10th thru November 1st. That is so you can have the nuts by Thanksgiving. So get your order in early. King/Peterson Nut Company offers a nice selection for our enjoyment and gift giving (think of Christmas gifts)!!

An Our Lady of Hope Senior Club member will be in the Social Hall and Narthex if you need help or have questions. Or simply place a sealed envelope marked “Nut Sale” into the collection basket with your order and payment.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS!

This year again we are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child to fill shoe boxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items (soap, washcloth, comb/brush, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant) socks, t-shirts, etc. going to children in foreign countries distributed through Samaritan's Purse. The brochure in your bulletin gives you more information. If you would like to help, collection bins are available in the Narthex, and we would also accept monetary donations to cover shipping. Most important, please pray for the children who will receive these boxes.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Plan on joining us for our **Homecoming Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 8th**, after the 9:15 a.m. Mass from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.! We will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, and much more. Please spread the word that we are inviting all our parishioners and those who were former members of St. Pius X, Holy Trinity, St. Wenceslas, and St. Jude. Please call the Rectory at 440-232-8166 and let us know if you can make it! Free will offering.



NEED YOUR YARD RAKED?

The Cub Scouts of Our Lady of Hope Church are looking to help the people of the parish who live in Bedford and Bedford Hts. One day only, November 14th, the Cub Scouts will come to your home and rake your yard of leaves. We are looking at 5 yards to rake this year so please help us. The boys will earn service hours and a patch. Please call our Cubmaster, Mr. DeLuca, at 440-376-3126 or email your address and phone number to cub-pack699@gmail.com to sign up. Thank you and God bless.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

Please check out this weekend's bulletin insert for info about Our Lady of Hope/St. Mary's Halloween Party starting with Mass at 4:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

POLKA MASS

St. Mary Church in Bedford is sponsoring a Polka Mass on Saturday, November 14th, at 4:30 p.m. with a dinner and dance to follow in the Social Hall. Pick up a flier in the Narthex for registration and more info.

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