



Our Lady OF Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

*November 29, 2015
First Sunday of Advent*

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.

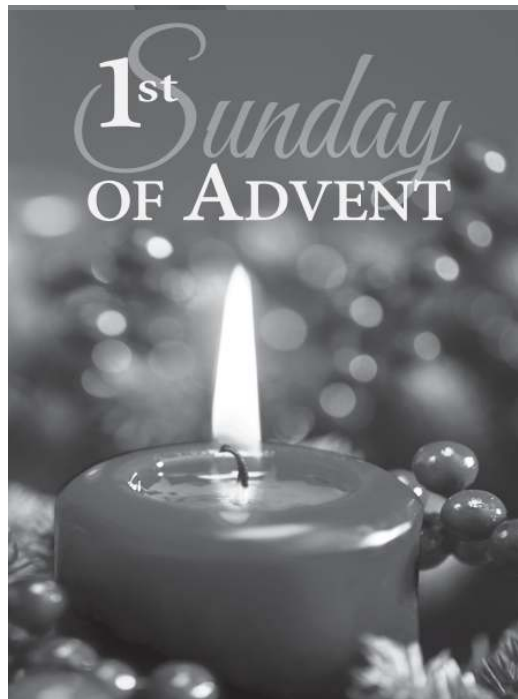
MARRIAGES: Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

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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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Anytime for emergencies.

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." Jesus instructs his disciples to take this posture of confidence in the midst of a terribly disturbing situation. Describing his second coming, Jesus says that on seeing this event unfold,

"People will die of fright." And yet the disciples are supposed to be pillars of strength. While others cower in fear, the Lord's followers are somehow immune, with heads raised high. Why?

Well, presumably, because those who follow Christ--those who earn the distinction of being disciples--have nothing to fear. On the contrary, when they have to "stand before the Son of Man," it will be a happy occasion. But here's the catch: "disciple" is more than an empty title. If we want to be counted among this confident crew, there are a few things for us to do. Today's Gospel spells out these tasks, which are all perfect things to pursue during Advent.

First, we have to make sure that our "hearts do not become drowsy." We are called to stay awake in a spiritual sense, not allowing "carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life" to numb us. We need to avoid whatever might reduce our ability to recognize and relate to Jesus, because we don't want his appearance to catch us "by surprise like a trap." Advent is an ideal time to examine our lives to determine what activities, priorities, or pastimes might be putting our hearts to sleep. Secondly, we need to pray. We need to ask Jesus himself for "the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." We can't do it alone. But with Christ's help, we can be true, fearless disciples.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. Daniel Volk

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, November 30

8:00 a.m. Ellen Vascek

Tuesday, December 1

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Nicola Buccellato

Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Loretta Lasorella & Wawro Family

Thursday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Nila Zivsak

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Sam, Mary & Francis Kubat

Saturday, December 5

3:30 p.m. Confession

4:30 p.m. Paul Katich

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Edward Becka

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Advent Day of Reflection, 12 noon to 3pm in Social Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Sr. Regina's Presentation—The Pope's Encyclical on the Environment, 7pm in Church
Boy Sc. Mtg., 7:30pm in Scout Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party, 5:30pm in Social Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

Parish Council Mtg., 7pm in Rectory
Cub Scout Mtg., 7pm in East Wing Up School Bldg.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

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OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Because of the timeliness of getting this week's bulletin in, the collection for the weekend of December 5/6 will be published in next week's bulletin, along with this weekend's collection.

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, Brian Tench, Jenie Royer, Bryndl Healy, Avianna Wichert, Mary Jean Mitchell, Bob Salko, Jeanne Stier, Jessie Tyszka, Daisy Darus, Paul Recko, Dennis King, Maximo Tulio, Joyce Dubsky, 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, Matthew Reeve, Clare Rizzo, Shirley Hershberger, Barbara Burda, Madison Simko, Myah Simko . . .

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.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

The Food Collection for the poor will be next weekend, December 5/6. We are getting many calls from those in need of food in our area and we are able to help them because of you. We are very grateful for your generosity!

READY TO DO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

Gift Cards are always the right size and color and give the person receiving them the opportunity to get what they really want (particularly those on your list who are difficult to buy for). Please consider the Certificate Program here at Our Lady of Hope when making your Christmas list this year. Certificates can be purchased after all weekend Masses and at the Rectory during office hours.

ST. JOSEPH'S SUNDAY MISSAL

St. Joseph's Sunday Missals are available for purchase during the month of November. The price is \$3.00 per book.

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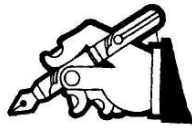


Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the Advent season. Very much like a new year celebrations, we are challenged to put behind us the things of the past and resolve to start over again, walking as close as we can to our God. New starting points are so important! We look forward not only to the birth of Christ as happened so many years ago, but more importantly to the Christ who will greet us at the end of our lives to bring us the fullness of life in His kingdom. Let us do all that we can to prepare ourselves and our lord for His coming.

Love & Peace,

Fr. Dan



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

You are invited to join the Our Lady of Hope Choir for Christmas Carols and Mass parts. This can be a commitment for only Christmas, but of course you are always welcome to join us on a regular basis. So come and give it a try! The Christmas rehearsals are: **Sunday, Dec. 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th at 8:30 a.m. before the 9:15 a.m. Mass. We ask you to sing for the Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. Mass and the Christmas Day 11:00 a.m. Mass. We will also sing for Mary Mother of God Masses ("New Year"—Dec. 31st—6:00 p.m. and Jan. 1st—8:00 a.m.).** So please come to join us! We need more people in the Choir to lead the congregation's sung prayer.



REACH OUT

To help our shut-in parishioners know that they continue to be remembered and prayed for as an important part of our parish we ask that you consider sending them a Christmas card ... Simply write a note inside the card something like: Dear Our Lady of Hope Parishioner...Just wanted to let you know that we are thinking of you and praying for you this Christmas season ... Then just sign your name or "An Our Lady of Hope Parishioner," place a stamp on the envelope and place it in the box at the doors of the church **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 11th.**



This weekend we will begin our Sharing Tree project. There are two trees, in the Narthex and Social Hall, which will be decorated with bows containing the names of children who are in need of a gift this Christmas. Please take the bow, purchase the gift, wrap, attach the bow (with name tag) securely to the gift, and return by **December 13, 2015.** Or, if you are talented in knitting or crocheting, we are in need of new hats, scarves, and mittens for children and adults. Any items would be appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!



CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE SALE

We are going to have a Christmas Cookie Bake Sale sponsored by the Outreach Committee on the weekend of December 12-13. All parishioners are asked to bake 3 dozen cookies for the sale. They will sell for \$3.00 a baker's dozen.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CELEBRATION

Be sure to join us on Monday, December 7th at St. Mary's for our parish Feast Day Celebration! At 6:30 there will be beautiful Marian Prelude Music performed by all of St. Mary's combined choirs, joined by guest violinist Mary Beth Ions. Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. Following the Mass we will have dinner in the Social Hall as a special Christmas celebration for all of us. Please make time to celebrate each other with Jesus in our midst ... the best Christmas gift of all.

"WE WAIT IN JOYFUL HOPE"

Advent reminds us of what an exciting ADVENTure it is when we look for, open up to, are transformed by, and pass on God's hope for humanity made flesh. We have a sacred purpose, a daily opportunity to bring the gift of Joy to the World.

Please join us this Sunday, November 29th, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Hope Church for an Advent Afternoon of Reflection with Fr. Norm Douglas and Fr. Dan Begin. This Advent reflection grounds us in what matters most in our lives. **Come and see . . .**

POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL—"LAUDATO SI"

All are invited to Our Lady of Hope Church at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays, November 30th and December 7th to hear Sr. Regina Kusnir, SC give talks on Pope Francis' latest encyclical on the environment.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS!

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR—and that brings us to our Christmas Party which is this Wednesday, December 2nd. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following in the Social Hall. Come, celebrate with us!" And remember to keep Christ in Christmas . . . He is the reason for the season!

SENIOR REMINDER!!

All paid-up Senior members are reminded that our Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 8th starting at 12 noon in the Social Hall. Food will be served at 1:00 p.m. Come and enjoy fun, food and fellowship?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER NEWS!!

Congratulations to the following Eucharistic Ministers who recently completed training and are serving:

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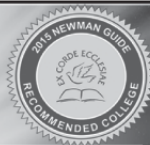
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