



# 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. 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.

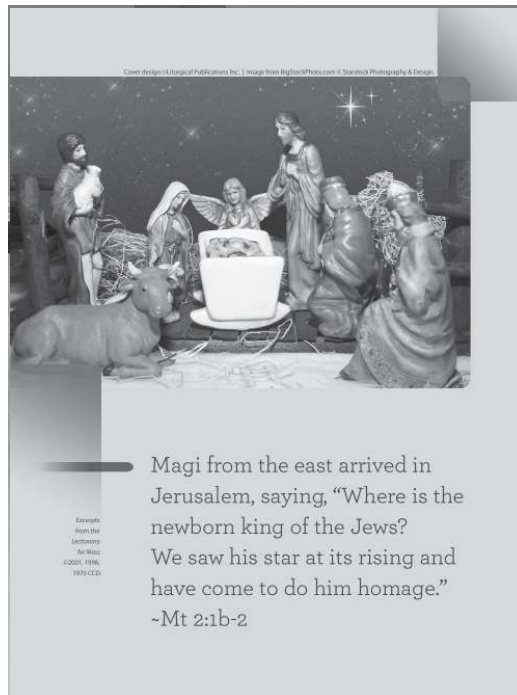
**SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS (PRIESTHOOD/DIACONATE):**

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.

### January 3, 2015 *The Epiphany of the Lord*



Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."  
-Mt 2:1b-2

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### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

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

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." These Magi did not know the person they were seeking to honor. They had not met Jesus, but had embarked upon a long and arduous journey in order to come into his presence. Although they were not from among the Jewish people who had received the ancient promises of a Messiah, they were nonetheless anticipating his arrival. And when they found him, "they were overjoyed." Their quest had come to its moment of fulfillment when "they saw the child with Mary his mother."

For those of us who have been raised Christian since our infancy, it's important to reflect on the joy of the Magi. They found Christ as a result of great effort and expense. The very trials of their journey, and the hope that was fulfilled when it was successful, made them appreciate their encounter with Jesus in a profound way as "they prostrated themselves... and offered him gifts." Converts to the faith may have a kind of advantage in comprehending the experience of the Magi. But cradle Catholics may need to exert a bit more effort to share in the wonder. Even when Jesus has always been a part of someone's life, it is still important to stand in awe of him. On the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we meditate on what it means to "find" Jesus. For some of us, this means remembering a conversion experience, but for others it means imagining what life would be like without him, and then rejoicing in the fact that he is truly with us. No matter how we found the Lord, we too should fall down on our knees in adoration and offer him the precious treasures of our lives: our fervent devotion and our will to serve him.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:**

**Sunday, January 3**

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

9:15 a.m.....Ellen & Lou Vascek

11:00 a.m.....Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Monday, January 4**

8:00 a.m..... Sam Melluso

**Tuesday, January 5**

7:30 a.m..... Rosary

8:00 a.m.....Dorothy Boehl

*Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.*

**ST. MARY CHURCH:**

**Wednesday, January 6**

8:00 a.m.....Jean Willging

**Thursday, January 7**

8:00 a.m..... Godfrida-Sister of Fr. Isadore

**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:**

**Friday, January 8**

8:00 a.m..... Raymond Janett

**Saturday, January 9**

3:30 p.m..... Confession

4:30 p.m.....Russell Rizzo

**Sunday, January 10**

*The Baptism of the Lord*

9:15 a.m..... David Tomko

11:00 a.m.....Living & Deceased Parishioners

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4**

Senior's Board Mtg., 2pm in Rectory

Boy Scouts, 7:30pm in Scout Room

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**

OLH Parish Council, Finance Council & Staff Mtg.,  
7pm in Rectory

Cub Scouts, 7pm in Scout Room

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

Hospitality Sunday after both Masses in the  
Social Hall

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

If you are interested in reserving the Sanctuary Lamp for a week in 2016, please call the rectory during office Hours.

**OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Due to early deadline for this weekend's bulletin, the collection for December 19/20, Christmas, and December 26/27 will be published in next week's bulletin.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THIS**

**The close of 2015 is just around the corner.  
Year End Contributions**

A simple rule to remember is that if your donation is deposited in 2015 for the year 2015 or 2016 it will be recorded in 2015. If the donation is deposited in the bank in 2016 for 2015 or 2016, it will be recorded in 2016. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the rectory.

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***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, Aviana Wichert, Mary Jean Mitchell, Bob Salko, Jeanne Stier, Jessie Tyszka, Daisy Darus, 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 Spowls, 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, Bill Donato, Matthew Reeve, Clare Rizzo, Shirley Hershberger, Barbara Burda, Madison Simko, Myah Simko, Jim Waple, Dave Mordarski, Joe Palumbo, Rosemary Holycross, Kay Winger. . .

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**

*January 2nd thru 8th*

*In Memory of*

***The Skocaj & Horvath Families***

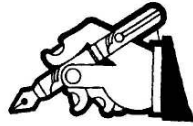


**Dear Parishioners,**

What a wonderful way we ended the year in December with a multitude of celebrations! I was able to spend time eating and drinking and talking with so many of you at the events in both churches. I can't thank all of those people enough who helped to make last year a time of joyful hope! Thanks for all the many cards and gifts that filled my Christmas as well as so much generosity in helping to support our churches.

This year of 2016 is going to be a year of mercy with the whole church, and for us here in Bedford and surrounding communities, a time of evangelization. Each person will be called upon to do our best in inviting lapsed Catholics and unchurched people to find a home with us. All of us can help to keep them connected through welcoming, listening, understanding and loving each person who comes to us. This is a year to fill our churches, transform our neighborhoods and change our world! Working with God and each other we can make a difference. Happy New Year!

*Love & Peace,*  
*Fr. Dan*



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Please mark your calendars for the week of Monday, February 29th thru Friday, March 4th, for the **Our Lady of Hope/St. Mary's Lenten Mission**. The mission will explore five major themes that reflect the richness of the Eucharist and how it changes us.

**FOOTBALL SQUARES**

Just a reminder that the winners will be called by phone and can pick-up their winnings Monday, January 4th, after 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope rectory. Please call the rectory before you come to pick it up to make sure the money is ready.

**LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS!**

The Ladies Auxiliary will **not** have a meeting in January. Our next meeting will be February 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall.

**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

We are overwhelmed at the generosity of everyone at Our Lady of Hope for raising \$1,158.81 for Woman-kind through your baby bottle fundraiser. On behalf of our staff, volunteers, and, most importantly, the women and families who benefit from your generosity, THANK YOU for all that you continue to make possible.

**CONFIRMATION**

If you, or someone that you know, have been Baptized and received First Communion and are interested in learning more about Confirmation, please contact the rectory at 440-232-8166.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**



Please join us next Sunday, January 10th, in the Social Hall after both Masses for our Hospitality Sunday sponsored by our Ladies Auxiliary.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS!**

Next Sunday, January 10th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. we will have our Family P.S.R. Night at Our Lady of Hope in the Social Hall. Parents please plan on staying with the students.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**— for our



Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 30th, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in the Social Hall sponsored by our Parish Council and Finance Council. We will be serving spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls, desserts and beverage. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adult and \$5.00 for children under 10. Tickets go on sale beginning next weekend, January 9/10. So come join us for some great food and fellowship.

**"THANK YOU!!"**

We would like to thank the Maple Hts. Catholic Club for their generous donation to our parish.



**Mercy Begins With a Spiritual Conversion—**

Pope Francis reminds us that "The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer, sacred Scripture, the Eucharist and the sacraments celebrated and lived in the Church and in solidarity with others, the more will grow in us the joy of cooperating with God in the service of the kingdom of mercy and truth, of justice and peace." —Pope Francis

**OUR LADY OF HOPE WEBSITE!**

Visit our website: [www.ourladyofhopebedford.org](http://www.ourladyofhopebedford.org). Any parish group wishing to display their news and activities on our web page please contact Deacon Bill. In addition to our new web site you can now follow Our Lady of Hope on Facebook and Twitter.

**A-MEN'S GROUP**

All men of our parish are invited to attend the St. Mary's A-Men's Group meeting on Saturday, January 9th, at 8:00 a.m. at Bedford Falls Café in downtown Bedford.

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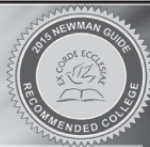
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