



Our Lady OF Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

*April 3, 2016
Second 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.

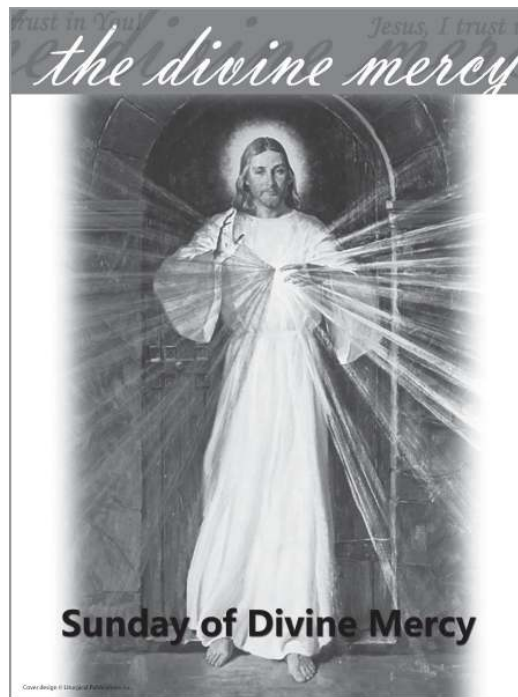
MARRIAGES: Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

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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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Anytime for emergencies.

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The disciples were paralyzed by fear. After the Crucifixion, they had locked themselves in a room and were keeping a low profile. They didn't want to end up how Jesus had ended up. But the Lord stepped right into this paranoia and dispelled it in an instant: "The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

Although these first Christians were very concerned about preserving their lives, the fact is that living holed up in an attic wasn't a life of much freedom or joy. Jesus wanted his followers to have the fullness of life, but this required trust in him and his promises. As today's Gospel puts it, through the belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, "you may have life in his name." When we come to really accept who Jesus is, there is no more need for a life of slavery to fear--whatever that fear may be, whether it's fear for our health; fear for our reputation; fear for our comfort; or even fear that our sins are too big for forgiveness.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, we remember that God's love is strong enough to conquer the greatest of all human fears: death itself. This confidence leads us to a renewed joy. As Pope Francis wrote in his declaration of this, the Year of Mercy, "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Once we are firmly established in this hope, we are called to be witnesses of mercy to others. The Holy Father continues with a challenge for all of us, "Jesus asks us also to forgive and to give. To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God."

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Sunday, April 3

Second Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Pauline Seetch

Monday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Joyce & Lisa Conley

Tuesday, April 5

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Andrasak Family
Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Jim Berry

Thursday, April 7

8:00 a.m. Virginia Dishenza

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, April 8

8:00 a.m. Raymond Rasch

Saturday, April 9

3:30 p.m. Confession

4:30 p.m. Bob Zimo & Family

Sunday, April 10

Third Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m. Velma Emling

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

MONDAY, APRIL 4

Boy Scouts, 7:30pm in Scout Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Ladies Auxiliary Mtg., 7pm in Social Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Parish Council Mtg., 7pm in Rectory

Cub Scout Mtg., 7pm in School Building

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 9/10

Appreciation Weekend for Art Kane, after all Masses in Social Hall (*Refreshments*)

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

March 20/21, 2016

Weekly Collection \$5,193.85
Envelopes used..... 256
Comfort the Needy..... \$65.00
Repairs & Maintenance..... \$439.00

Special Collections

Holy Thursday-\$79.00; Good Friday-\$80.00; Easter Flowers-\$95.00; Easter-\$175.00; CRS-\$15.00.

Easter Collection—\$6,182.00

March 26/27, 2016

Weekly Collection \$4,249.50
Envelopes used..... 166
Comfort the Needy..... \$60.00
Repairs & Maintenance..... \$82.00

Special Collections

Home Mission-\$5.00; CRS-\$50.00; Holy Thursday-\$431.00; Good Friday-\$537.75; CRS Rice Bowls-\$672.00.

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, William Palumbo, 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 Dubsky, 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 Imtihare, Virginia Duda, Joseph McElhone, John Lempnen, 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 . . .

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.

Please remember in your prayers

Pearl Smolik

Kathryn Hunt

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



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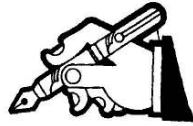
April 2nd thru 8th

Robert Shivey



Dear Parishioners,

I am so thankful for so many things I don't know where to start! At church both parishes outdid themselves in all of Holy Week and Easter. Music, decorations, sacristy work, participating ministers and the wonderful gift of those of you who attended made for a terrific experience for all. Special thanks too, for those who donated for flowers! Also thanks for generosity in the collections!



Thank you also for your love for my family. Your prayers pulled my grandson through the surgery and he is almost like new in record time. We have also received close to \$4,000 towards my niece's van. What a blessing.

Thanks be to God for the wonderful weather, the blessing of our parish families, the message of this season which makes life make sense, and the gift of our faith! Easter blessings to you throughout the season.

Love & Peace,

Fr. Dan



Whoever experiences divine mercy is impelled to be an architect of mercy among the least and the poor. In these "littlest brothers" Jesus awaits us.

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.

APPRECIATION WEEKEND



Please join us next weekend of April 9/10 for light refreshments after all the weekend Masses in the Social Hall to show our appreciation of Art Kane for his years of service in our Music Ministry and wish him well on his retirement.

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.

OUR LADY OF HOPE SENIORS NEWS!!

Reminder to our Seniors about our next meeting which will be Tuesday, April 12th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Come and join us we have a great time!

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS!

Just a reminder that our next meeting is this coming Wednesday, April 6th, at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall.

ONLINE GIVING

To make it easier, Our Lady of Hope now accepts Online Giving. It is as simple as...

1. Log into www.ourladyofhopebedford.org using any device.
2. Click One-time or Recurring donations.
3. Select the form of payment you wish to use.
4. Funds are deposited into the Church bank account.

Any questions, feel free to call the Rectory office at 440-232-8166.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society not only helps the community surrounding us but is here to help Our Lady of Hope parishioners as well. If you are in need, please call 440-232-8166 and ask for Verna. Anything discussed is always confidential.



CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

We are so pleased that you have continued to purchase certificates from our program so we can use the profits for the beautification of the grounds of Our Lady of Hope Parish. Spring has sprung, time to get the outdoors in order! Communion, Confirmations, Mother's Day and Father's Day are right around the corner!!! If your not sure what you want, just pick up a certificate order form and check it out. Certificate Order Forms are available in the narthex. If you don't find what you want, call the Rectory office and we will see if we can get it for you.

BOY SCOUTS NEWS!

Troop #233 meets at Our Lady of Hope parish every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Scout Room in the school building. Any boy from ages 11-18 that are interested, are welcome. For more information, call Jim Makar at 216-573-9855.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

St. Mary Church is sponsoring a "Night at the Races" on Saturday, April 16th, in their Social Hall. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; races will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and include admission, dinner, dessert, beer, wine, wash and snacks. If you are interested in attending, you will find reservation and sponsor forms in the Narthex.

ANSWER THE CALL

Men!! Want a spiritual jump start? Make plans to attend the 16th annual Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio annual "*Answer the Call*" on Saturday, April 9th, at the Holiday Inn Rockside in Independence with keynote speakers Fr. Larry Richards and Ralph Martin. Registration at the door will be \$40. The conference begins with a light breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and concludes with 4:00 p.m. Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries. Log on to www.cmfneo.com for more information.

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