



ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

*January 10, 2016
The Baptism of the Lord*

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.

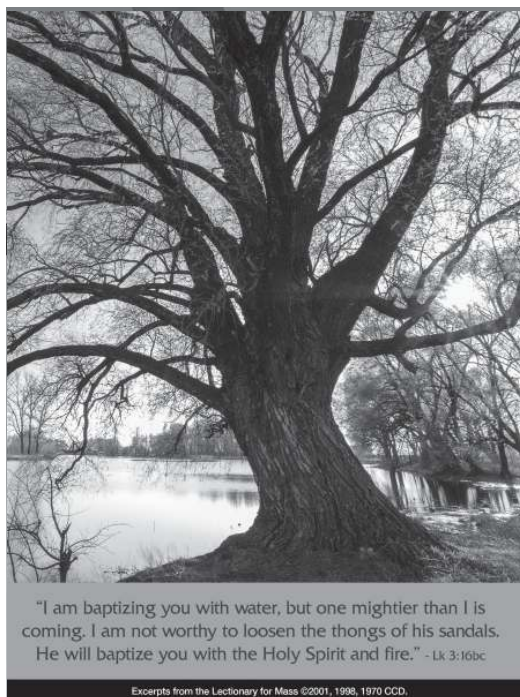
MARRIAGES: Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

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.



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened." What a treat to be in that crowd! Just imagine the experience of witnessing this manifestation of divinity! To SEE the Holy Spirit "in bodily form like a dove" and to hear the voice that "came from heaven" announcing Jesus' true identity. Don't we all long for this kind of miraculous clarity? Wouldn't it do wonders for our faith if we had such unmistakable certainty about who Jesus really is?

It's easy to imagine that the first Christians had it easier than we do. They got to be with Jesus in person, and to witness the miracles that went along with his years on earth. Because of this, we can quickly forget the benefits we enjoy that they did not. We live on the other side of the Resurrection, for example. The first followers of Christ believed in him BEFORE he rose from the dead. We, on the other hand, have the confidence of knowing that this man literally conquered death. We also have two millennia of Christian witness through the saints to pull upon. The first Christians had no idea what this new religion would produce, how many people would embrace it, or how it would change the world for the better. We know that Christianity has been fruitful beyond measure.

Today's Gospel informs us that it was only after they were baptized that the people witnessed the opening of heaven. Even Jesus himself was baptized before he heard this earthly confirmation of his heavenly origin. We who have been baptized, following the example of Christ, also have "access" to the voice of God. In the silence of our hearts, and through God's word in the Bible (another advantage we enjoy), heaven is "opened" for us as well.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:**

Sunday, January 10
The Baptism of the Lord

9:15 a.m. David Tomko

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, January 11

8:00 a.m. Teddi & Richard Kikta

Tuesday, January 12

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Mary & John Dobrunick

Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Frances Kandrac

Thursday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Emil Giunti

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Greif

Saturday, January 16

3:30 p.m. Confession

4:30 p.m. Frank Lubinski

Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 a.m. George & Bernice Aspery

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

Hospitality Sunday after both Masses in Social Hall

PSR Family Night, 5:30pm in Social Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Southeast District Mtg., 11:30am in Banquet Hall

Boy Sc. Mtg., 7:30pm in Scout Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

Seniors Mtg., 1:30pm in Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

SVDP Mtg., 3pm in Rectory

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Cub Scout Mtg., 6pm in Social Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

January 9th thru 15th

In Memory of

Andrea Lubinski

**OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS**

December 19/20, 2015

Weekly Collection \$5,330.17

Envelopes used..... 271

Comfort the Needy..... \$52.00

Repairs & Maintenance..... \$152.00

Special Collections

All Saints-\$5.00; Christmas Flowers-\$256.00; Immaculate Conception-\$90.00; Retirement Fund-\$167.00; Christmas-\$230.00; Mary, Mother of God-\$17.00.

December 25, 2015

Christmas Collection—\$7,972.00

December 26/27, 2015

Weekly Collection \$7,394.97

Envelopes used..... 263

Comfort the Needy..... \$40.00

Repairs & Maintenance..... \$416.00

Special Collections

Christmas Flowers-\$61.00; Retirement for the Religious-\$34.00; Immaculate Conception-\$74.00; Mary, Mother of God-\$289.00; Diocesan Assessment-\$1.00.

January 1, 2016

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God—\$1,373.00

January 2/3, 2016

Weekly Collection \$6,392.25

Envelopes used..... 315

Comfort the Needy..... \$444.00

Repairs & Maintenance..... \$321.00

Special Collections

Home Missions-\$25.00; Christmas-\$375.00; Catholic University-\$48.00; El Salvadore Mission-\$65.00; Central & Eastern Europe-\$25.00; Easter Flowers-\$25.00; Immaculate Conception-\$10.00; Diocesan Assessments-\$120.00; Diocesan Assessment-120.00.

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, Avianna 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 Sprowls, 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, Daniel D. Baran, Bernie Sylvester.

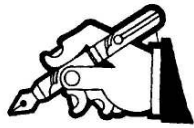
Dear Parishioners,

I can't help saying thank you again to all for your generosity, your presence at church for Masses and activities, your help in making everything go so smoothly and just giving generously the gift of your love. What a spectacular season it was!

After all of the excitement of the season and a lot of church we suddenly come to Ordinary time with the Baptism of the Lord. From infancy he has dramatically moved to the beginning of His public ministry in a week! Sometimes it seems like that looking at our own children! It is a great time to recognize those who are ministering in our midst and remind them how important they are and what a difference they make. It is also a good time to reflect on a meaningful ministry for ourselves. Lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, events committees, ladies guilds, amen group, church cleaning, funeral ministry, even just attending the many events we have of greeting people in church and any way we go out of our way to help others are all ministries. A great way to start the new year. Just "ordinary things that make a difference".

Love & Peace,

Fr. Dan



We would like to congratulate and welcome:

Thea Frances Ganito-Bellar

into the Catholic community through the Sacrament of Baptism on December 20, 2015.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

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

OUR LADY OF HOPE SENIORS NEWS!

Our next Seniors meeting is Tuesday, January 12th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Why not start out the new year by joining us for some fellowship and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.

PARISH LOTTERY NEWS!

A sincere THANK YOU to all who played our Parish Lottery in 2015—perhaps just once or faithfully each month—through your support we raised \$6,000 and a check was given to Fr. Begin to be used for church expenses. Thank you for your participation and good luck this new year!!! December winners will be listed in next weekend's bulletin.

FOOTBALL SQUARE RESULTS

Fr. Dan, Deacon Bill, Sister Irene and Joe Jansky wish to thank all who made the Fiesta Bowl football squares a success.

Winners of the \$5.00 per square board are:

1st Quarter – **Nicole Tomak** - \$50.00
 1st Quarter Profit is St. Mary's - \$50.00
 Half-time – **Mike Bucur** - \$50.00
 Half-time Profit is St. Mary's - \$50.00
 3rd Quarter – **John Lachowsky** - \$50.00
 3rd Quarter Profit is Our Lady of Hope - \$50.00
 Final Score – **Kathy Yurichak** - \$100.00
 Final Score Profit is St. Mary's - \$100.00

Winners of the \$10.00 per square board are:

1st Quarter – **Joanne Treat** - \$100.00
 Half-Time – **Carol Young** - \$100.00
 3rd Quarter – **Rick Zivsak** - \$100.00
 Final Score – **Jim Sorna** - \$200.00

\$250.00 goes to St. Mary's Parish.

\$250.00 goes to Our Lady of Hope Parish from the \$10.00 per square board.



"I invite all Christians to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them. No one should think this invitation

is not for him or her, since no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord. The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk. Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms." —Pope Francis

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 2016. Please contact Louise at 440-232-8166 for more information.

LIFE IN THE EUCHARIST

Please consider participating in this life-changing, faith enriching experience of learning how the Eucharist transforms our lives. On five week nights, from February 29th thru March 4th, a "Life in the Eucharist" team (originated by the Blessed Sacrament Priests) will guide us through the 2016 Our Lady of Hope/St. Mary Lenten Retreat (to be held at Our Lady of Hope). Mark your calendars and plan on attending. All are welcome, so please don't hesitate to invite a friend.



DID YOU 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 hope so because tickets go on sale beginning this weekend after all Masses in the Narthex or Social Hall. We will be serving spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls, desserts and beverage. So check out this weekend's bulletin

insert for more info and hang it on the refrigerator so everyone can see it. Everybody goes into the refrigerator! So come join us for a great night out with food and fellowship.

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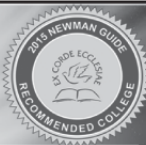


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