



# Our Lady of Hope

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**Saturday Vigil 4:30pm**  
**Sunday 9:15am, 11am**  
**Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8am**

**CONFESSIONS:**  
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**BAPTISM:** For  
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*JANUARY 7, 2018*  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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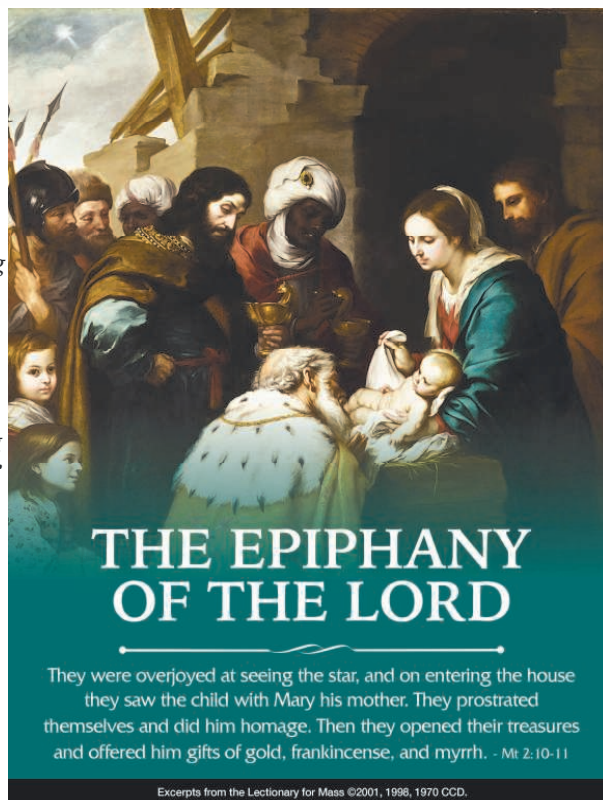
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## **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Friday,  
 8:30am –12 noon and 1:00—3:30pm.  
 Anytime for emergencies.



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house  
 they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated  
 themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures  
 and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother. The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves. Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:****Saturday, January 6**

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

4:30 p.m. .... Living & Deceased of the  
American Legion Post 559**Sunday, January 7*****The Epiphany of the Lord***

9:15 a.m. .... Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners

11:00 a.m. .... Allan Kingsmill

**Monday, January 8**

7:30 a.m. .... Rosary—Joyful Mysteries

8:00 a.m. .... Dorothy Koutnik

**Tuesday, January 9**

7:30 a.m. .... Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries

8:00 a.m. .... Russell Rizzo

*Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.***ST. MARY CHURCH:****Wednesday, January 10**

8:00 a.m. .... Jim Weakland

**Thursday, January 11**

8:00 a.m. .... Maria Duma

**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:****Friday, January 12**

8:00 a.m. .... John &amp; Mary Dobrunich

**Saturday, January 13**

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

4:30 p.m. .... Frank J. Lubinski

**Sunday, January 14*****Second Sunday of Ordinary Time***

9:15 a.m. .... Bernice &amp; George Aspery

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

**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.



We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family & friends of our recently deceased—

***Dino Pocaro***

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

***YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .***

*Please remember in your prayers all of the sick in our parish and families, especially:*

Jim Waple, Ann Murg, Helen Barto, Virginia Vitale, Kerri Lubinski, Mary Emling, Daniel Baran, Berta Ugucini, , Frani Slusarz, Zane Wood, Elayne Stefanek, Carmen Whaley, Trudy Zimo, Jerry Bryndal, Joseph Travagliante, Eileen Salupo, Chuck Deininger, Sherman Whaley, Tom Toohig, Mary Kay Queisser, Marie Walker, Bernie Sylvester, Lil Kalal, Joseph Offutt, Joseph R. Bugara, Eleanor Campana, Debbie Lee, Rose Scarfo, Helen Harrison, Barbara Witt, Bob Witt, James Tench, Andy Mizesak, Matthew Reeve, Charles Sprowls, Daisy Darus, Albert Finn, Baby Jacob Alon Parker, R. C., James Smith, Bob Franklin, M.G. . . .

**OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS****December 23/24, 2017**

Weekly Collection.....\$5,903.52

Envelopes used.....197

Comfort the Needy.....\$130.00

Repairs &amp; Maintenance.....\$127.00

**Special Collections**

Solemnity of Mary-\$148; Immaculate Conception-\$65; Christmas Flowers-\$95; Retirement for Religious-\$120.

***Total Christmas Collection—\$7,314.25***

**December 30/31, 2017**

Weekly Collection.....\$2,720.00

Envelopes used.....130

December Online Giving.....\$1,876.00

Comfort the Needy.....\$65.00

Repairs &amp; Maintenance.....\$63.00

**Special Collections**

Solemnity of Mary-\$765; Catholic University-\$10; Christmas-\$705; Christmas Flowers-\$20; Diocesan Assessments-\$10; All Saints-\$6; El Salvador-\$10; Retirement for Religious-\$25.

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:****MONDAY, JANUARY 8**

Senior Group Bd. Mtg., 2pm in Rectory

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10**

SVDP Mtg., 3pm in Rectory.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**

Cub Scout Mtg., 7pm in School.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

Pancake Breakfast, 10am-1pm in Social Hall.



Dear Parishioners,

Since we are still in the Christmas season, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year! It has been a busy and exciting couple of weeks with the celebration of the Incarnation, the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God on New Year's Day, and now the Epiphany this weekend. Both churches had more people in the pews than usual, with family visiting from out of town. Both Our Lady of Hope and Saint Mary were decorated so beautifully for the Christmas season, and I want to thank all the volunteers on the decorating committees of both parishes who gave of their time and talent to make the churches look so festive. Thanks also to the music ministries of both parishes for adding great richness and beautiful song to the liturgical celebrations.

As we begin a new calendar year I want to thank all the volunteers and ministers who enliven the parish communities of Saint Mary and Our Lady of Hope. Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, cantors, musicians, ushers, sacristans, money counters, and volunteers who clean the church. All your efforts are deeply appreciated! Without you the church would not function, but with you we do a wonderful job of serving the Catholic Communities of Bedford. I'm not personally into making a lot of New Year's resolutions, but, if any of you do, please resolve to become more engaged in the life of the Church. The year ahead will present us with many challenges, and I know that together we can make our parishes prosper. Many of you gave me Christmas cards, food, and gifts during this holiday season, and I want to thank all of you for being so gracious and welcoming as I celebrated my first Christmas season in Bedford.

Christ's peace,  
Father Joe



### **SAVE THE DATE**

Mark your calendar for our **3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 11th, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Social Hall. Tickets are: Adults-\$10; Children-\$5. We will begin selling tickets the weekend of January 13th & 14th in the Narthex and Social Hall after all Masses. Check out this weekend's bulletin insert for the menu and more information.

### **PARISH LOTTERY WINNERS!!**

Congratulations to the following DECEMBER winners of our Parish Lottery:

12/03 #444 R. Camma	12/13 #110 G. Telling
12/04 #477 Paul Freck	12/15 #772 G. Arnold
12/05 #129 Jerry Rovinelli	12/21 #955 D. Dunsworth
12/06 #369 Laura Schram	12/22 #492 R. Skocaj
12/07 #650 T. Apanasewicz	12/23 #029 N. Telling
12/09 #573 C. Taylor	12/24 #424 M. Murray
12/11 #331 Mick Gongos	12/26 #475 J. Nicholl
12/11 #338 G. Cercek	12/27 #132 J. Zimmerman
12/12 #232 S. San Filippo	12/29 #406 V. Johnson

We want to thank all those who continue to support this fundraising program! And it is even better when you win!! You never know—it could happen to you!!! If you have never played our lottery, check out this weekend's bulletin insert with a ticket provided!!! Good Luck!!!

### **ATTENTION VETERANS**

You are invited to join the AMVETS Post 80 Veterans service organization that meets here at St Mary's on the first Tuesday of each month at Noon in the church choir room. Membership is free and open to anyone who honorably served in any branch of the Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reserves. Our Post is fortunate to have an Honor Guard who provides Honors to deceased veterans at the Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Oh, every seven weeks. We keep abreast of programs and services available to veterans and their families. If you would like more information please call Joe Maire at 440-223-2060, or if you are interested in giving us a look-see, you are welcome to join us at our next meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>. What's to lose? You may be able to make some new friendships or renew some old ones! Hope to see you there!

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### **SAVE THE DATE—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**

Plan on joining us for a **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 14th**, in celebration of Our Lady of Hope feast day! We will be

serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, grits, coffee, tea, and juice from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost: Adults—\$5; Children—\$2 (to be paid at the door). For food purposes, please call the rectory to make reservations.

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