



Our Lady of Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday: Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday: 11am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8am

CONFESSIONS:
Saturdays 3:00 p.m. or
 anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM: For
 information, please
 contact the Rectory at
 440-232-8166 during
 office hours.

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
 the Diocese at 216-696-
 6525. .

**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.

APRIL 7, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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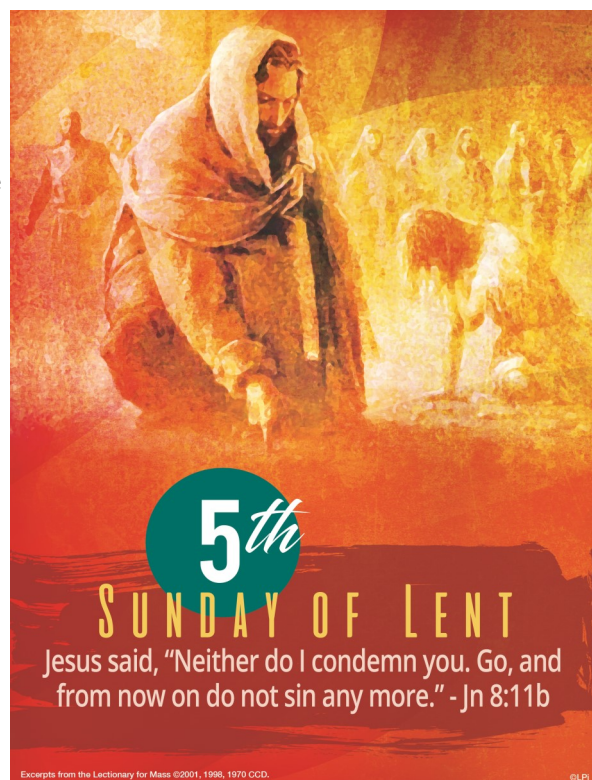
Parish Website:

www.ourladyofhopebedford.org

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays,
 8:30am –12 noon and 12:30—2:30pm.

Anytime for emergencies.



5th

SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and
 from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

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"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." The episode of the woman caught in adultery is a powerful story. We have perhaps all felt as the woman has at some point in our lives, surrounded by those who would condemn us. The beauty of Christ's mercy at the end is clear ? and a welcome relief as we all struggle to be good and holy people. But have we ever imagined ourselves on the edge of the circle? Have we pictured ourselves in the sea of dusty robes? Perhaps, we hope, we're hovering at the edge of the circle of judgment. But we've all been there.

How easy it is to be righteous when someone else's reputation is at stake. When the small child is acting up in the grocery store or on the plane. When another company has a scandal break or a major error sets back their profits. Could it be easy to pick up the stone and feel its weight and heft in our hands? Because if we've got a stone in our hands, our own righteous category is clear. Our judgment is our insurance that we won't be on the receiving end of the criticism. If we can point out a wrong, surely we are firmly in the right.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her' ? they went away one by one." This Lent, not only are we invited to receive God's mercy, but to show God's mercy. As the season begins to wind to a close, consider those in your life you tend to judge the most harshly. What is one concrete way you can drop your stone?

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

3:00 p.m. Confession

4:00 p.m. Henrietta Yax

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:**Sunday, April 7****Fifth Sunday of Lent**

SM—9:15 a.m. Andy Zolata

OLH—11:00 a.m. Gerald Slezak

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:**Monday, April 8**

8:00 a.m. The Brosnatch Family

Tuesday, April 98:00 a.m. Deceased Mem. of Andrasak Family
*Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.***ST. MARY CHURCH:****Wednesday, April 10**

8:00 a.m. Dorothy DePompei

Thursday, April 11

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

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

8:00 a.m. Kathy Braz

Saturday, April 13

3:00 p.m. Confession

4:00p.m. Lawrence Kalapos

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:**Sunday, April 14****Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

SM—9:15 a.m. Gary DePompei

OLH—11:00 a.m. Gerald Slezak

WASHING OF THE FEET

Those who would like to participate in the Holy Thursday "*Washing of the Feet*", please call the office. The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, April 18th, at 7:00 p.m.

CRS RICE BOWL

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .

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

Jim Waple, Ann Murg, Virginia Vitale, Mary Emling, Daniel Baran, Berta Ugucini, Carmen Whaley, Trudy Zimo, Jerry Bryndal, Eileen Salupo, Bernie Sylvester, Lil Kalal, Andy Mizesak, Matthew Reeve, Albert Finn, Alan Parker, R.C., James Smith, Bob Franklin, Sharon Lauricella, Gwen Yates, Harold Fischer, Ronald Richnavsky, Joe McElhone, Mae Saliga, Laverne Krempasky, Larry Krempasky, Paul Melzer, Patricia Zak, Matthew J. Zamiska, Nina Jones, Daisy Darus, Sr. Patricia Raelene, Gerry Lantos, Louise Dragan, Ken Hudak, Joseph Milavec, Joyce Smedley, Kathleen Tessmer, Maria Spears, Veda Wagner . . .

Because of the Privacy Act, parish visitation to the hospitalized can occur only at the request of the patient or a family member. Please call the rectory to let us know.



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

Kathleen Tesmer
Joseph L. Milavec, Jr.

May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

LENTEN JOURNEY: NO GREATER LOVE

Please join us on Tuesday, April 9th at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope chapel for session 5 of our DVD Lenten Journey. In this session we turn our attention to Christ's "**Seven Last Words.**" These were not words merely spoken to the world in general, but as personal words to each of us today. We hope to see you there.

ST. MARY LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

Every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday) from 5-7 p.m. in the Social Center at 270 Union Street, Bedford. Need a menu—pick one up in the Narthex.

UPCOMING PENANCE SERVICES

Check out the back of this weekend's 2019 Lenten Season insert for upcoming Penance Services in our surrounding areas.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS**March 30/31, 2019**

Weekly Collection	\$3,702.00
Envelopes used	148
March On-line Giving	\$1,500.00
Comfort the Needy	\$213.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$368.00

Special Collections

CRS-\$231; Flowers & Decoration-\$30; Easter-\$50; Catholic Home Missions-\$15.

MASS COUNT

OLH: 4pm—148; 11am—125; Total—273

STM: 4pm—143; 9:15am—113; Total—256

Thank you for your generosity!!

Dear Parishioners,

Easter is around the corner and as we begin the 5th week of Lent, the readings invite us to reflect on our need for redemption and to open our eyes to the new things that God wants to do in us.

Amina Lawal, a Nigerian woman, was taken to court and at the time of the trial the 30 year old divorced woman was said to have confessed to conceiving a child while single. She was sentenced to death by stoning in March of 2002 in Katsina state under a new law that considered pregnancy outside of marriage grounds for being convicted of adultery. According to Amnesty International, she had no lawyer during the trial that resulted in her conviction and sentencing. With the help of attorneys from human rights organizations her case was appealed. One appeal in August of 2002 upheld her sentence. The alleged father of the child denied having sex with her and was released. Amina Lawal gave birth to her child and her sentence was supposed to be carried out once the baby was weaned. On September 25, 2003, the judges at the Katsina Sharia Court of appeals gave the decision that freed her saying she had not been caught in the act and had not been given proper opportunity to defend herself. The above case shows us that even today. Women continue to suffer and be stoned in a cruel way.

Women have suffered harsh judgment and condemnation to death because of adultery from the time of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus was the first to defend those who were oppressed, rejected and prayed for those he found in sinful situation. He says to the woman "Woman where are they? Has no one condemned you?" The woman replied, "No one sir." Then Jesus tells her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not sin any more." Jesus extends his love, and compassion to a woman who was ashamed of herself and was to be stoned to death. He gave a chance of conversion by telling her to walk away from sin. The Scribes and Pharisees who brought the woman to Jesus did not also bring the man who was found in the act of adultery. While it is true that sin remains sin, we see double standard in the ways the Pharisees and Scribes accuse the woman and not mentioning the man who was with her. Both were guilty of wrong doing. Jesus knows how unjust they were and he knows who they are. The woman is condemned and not the man.

In the gospel the Pharisees also force Jesus to be a judge so that they might entrap him. On the other hand the woman is shamed at least twice. The men who brought charges against her would have witnessed the act, and now she is made to stand before these men while she awaits judgment. Jesus is not quick in condemning or judging the woman. He challenges the Scribes and Pharisees who brought the woman to him and at end they walk away one by one. We also witness in the gospel today the wrong motive of the Pharisees and Scribes. They bring the woman to him in order to trap him. They wanted to not only silence him, but to get rid of him because of his claim to speak with God's authority. Jesus is the target and not the woman. The Pharisees and the elders will work hard to bring him to an end. On Good Friday they shouted, "Crucify Him, crucify Him" disregarding all He did for the poor, sick, oppressed and the hungry. What is my attitude towards others, especially those who are regarded as sinners/bad people in our society? Do I treat them with love, dignity and compassion? Do I see the face of Jesus in others? Do I make an effort to talk with them? Do I avoid them because of their reputation? Do I work for the salvation of others just as I do for my own? In the gospel of Luke, Jesus said "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32). Jesus is our

model, hence let us follow his example in the way we treat men and women in today's world.

Fr. Isidore Munishi, AJ



PARISH SPRING BAKE SALE!!

Please don't forget to stop after Mass this weekend at the Parish Bake Sale and purchase of an assortment of goodies. We are sure there is something for everyone. The Bake Sale is sponsored by our Ladies Auxiliary and Outreach Committee.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS!!

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all those who helped made our Malley's Candy and Easter Basket fundraisers a success and also remind you that pick-ups for your Malley's order and Easter Basket raffle is this weekend, **April 6th & 7th** after all Masses in the Social Hall!!



If you would still like to help our St. Vincent de Paul Society provide an Easter dinner for our neighbors, who are experiencing very difficult times, by dropping off a ham or donating a monetary gift or certificates to purchase a half a ham—there is still time. You can drop it off **Monday, April 8th at our Food Pantry at Our Lady of Hope from 10am to 2pm.** (*The Food Pantry is in the back parking lot of OLH church. Please follow the signs.*) We appreciate your help and so do those in need!

PARISH LOTTERY WINNERS!!

Congratulations to the following **MARCH** winners of our Parish Lottery:

03/01 #011 Ray Camma	03/16 #276 Lois Coyle
03/08 #715 Bill Marks	03/22 #116 G. Telling
03/10 #312 G. Petera-Hawley	03/25 #531 N. Carlozzi
03/13 #525 Harriet Lubinski	03/28 #113 J. Murray
03/13 #520 Joe Homa	03/29 #207 T. Brzezowski

Tickets are available in this weekend's bulletin. Try your luck, you may be the next winner!!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 6 & 7

Food Collection

SVDP Ham Drop-off, 3:30 to 4pm before Saturday

Mass; 10:30 to 11am before Sunday Mass.

Parish Bake Sale is after Mass in Social Hall.

Easter Basket Raffle—Sunday after Mass.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

SVDP Ham Drop-off, 10-2pm at Food Pantry at OLH

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Lenten Journey, 1pm in Church.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Cub Scout Mtg., 6:30pm in School.

Boy Scout Mtg., 7pm in Scout Room.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Stations of the Cross, 2:15pm in Church.