



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

CONFSSIONS:
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.

MARCH 22, 2020 *FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

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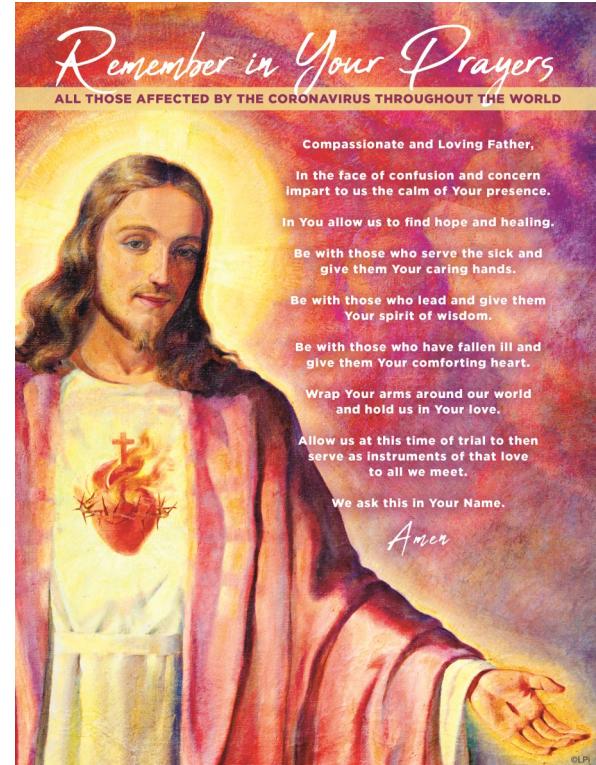
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www.ourladyofhopebedford.org

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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



“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

RE: Catholic Bishops of Ohio Suspend All Publicly Celebrated Masses/Liturgies

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After serious consideration of the grave health risk involved in public gatherings and in order to curb the spread of the coronavirus, the bishops of Ohio have decided, effective immediately, to suspend temporarily all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies, at least through the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. The bishops of Ohio dispense the Catholic faithful who reside in their respective dioceses and all other Catholics currently in Ohio from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass through Easter Sunday.

This decision is not taken lightly and, as your bishops, causes us great sadness. However, after consultation with the governor and health officials we are convinced that this is the most prudent and necessary action.

Science has proven that participation in public gatherings significantly increases the risk of contagion. This poses a serious danger to those especially most vulnerable.

As Catholics, in every Sunday Mass we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. In this moment, we are experiencing in a unique way the passion of our Lord as this pandemic prevents us from gathering for the Sunday Eucharist. In this very difficult time, we encourage the faithful to turn to the Church's treasury of prayer. Sunday remains a holy day, and we encourage the faithful to pray using the rich resources of our faith, including praying as a family or individually the rosary, divine mercy chaplet, the Liturgy of the Hours, stations of the cross, etc. We also urge you to participate in prayer by way of radio broadcast or televised or livestreamed Mass and make a spiritual communion.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering from illness or disease of any kind, for all health care workers, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this situation. Relying on the motherly care of Our Lady, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our healing and our hope.

Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr
Chairman Catholic Conference of Ohio
Archbishop of Cincinnati

Most Rev. Joseph R. Binzer
Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Columbus

Rev. Donald P. Oleksiak
Diocesan Administrator of Cleveland

Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Monforton
Bishop of Steubenville

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo

Most Rev. George V. Murry, S.J.
Bishop of Youngstown

MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass Intentions currently booked will have to be rescheduled when Masses resume. Watch the local news for updates when Mass will be publicly celebrated.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .

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

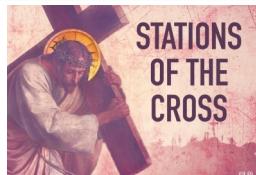
Jim Waple, Virginia Vitale, Mary Emling, Daniel Baran, Berta Uguzzini, Carmen Whaley, Bernie Sylvester, Lil Kalal, Andy Mizesak, Matthew Reeve, Albert Finn, Alan Parker, James Smith, Harold Fischer, Ronald Richnavsky, Joe McElhone, Laverne Krempasky, Paul Melzer, Patricia Zak, Matthew J. Zamiska, Daisy Darus, Gerry Lantos, Louise Dragan, Ken Hudak, Maria Spears, Veda Wagner, Shirley Holmes, Frank Richnavsky, Eileen Salupo, Jim Goersmeyer, Shirley Manning, Albert Zak, Joseph Homa, Joanne Stewart, Anthony Sava, Dolores Hustack, Thomas Wagner, Florence Cartellone, Rosalie Skocaj, Jim Tench ...



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

Ella Mae Gongos

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



The Thursday Lenten Study on the “Stations of the Cross” and the Friday, Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Hope have been cancelled.



In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. **We appreciate all that you give to help us help others!!**

Dinner & Easter Hams: Due to the coronavirus we are not collecting or distributing Easter dinners & hams this year. The Easter Ham drop-off day and time has been cancelled.

SUNDAY & WEEKLY MASSES

The Diocese of Cleveland presents a television Mass at 6 a.m. every Sunday on Fox 8 and at 11:30 a.m. Sundays on Cox Cable channel 45. The weekly Mass also can be viewed on the diocesan website.

**4TH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Readings for the week of March 22, 2020:**Sunday, March 22**

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday, March 23

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 24

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 25

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 27

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 28

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 29

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS**March 15, 2020**

Weekly Collection	\$2,800.00
Envelopes used	101
Comfort the Needy.....	\$133.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$134.00
<u>Special Collections</u>	

CRS-\$15; Flowers & Decorations-\$118; Ash Wednesday-\$3; Eastern Europe-\$45; Black & Indian Missions-\$20.

MASS COUNT

OLH: 4pm—72; 11am—61; Total—133

STM: 4pm—65; 9:15am—63; Total—128

Thank you for your generosity!!

Mass Contributions can still be given by way of Online Giving @ www.ourladyofhopebedford.org, U.S. Mail or dropped off in the mailbox at either parish office.

ST. MARY LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

St. Mary's Fish Fries have been cancelled.