

# Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday–Thursday 8:00 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard on  
Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.  
before the 4:00 p.m. Mass  
and also by appointment.

## BAPTISM

For information, please contact the  
rectory at 440-359-8205 Monday–Friday  
between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

## MARRIAGE

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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

**Mass Intentions—Saint Mary**

Saturday, September 8th  
4:00 p.m. .... Mary & Chuck Szabo

Sunday, September 9th  
9:15 a.m. .... Jim Berry

Wednesday, September 12th  
**7:30 a.m. - Rosary**  
8:00 a.m. .... Nadine Collins

Thursday, September 13th  
**7:30 a.m. - Rosary**  
8:00 a.m. .... Leroy & Mary Carpenter & Family  
*Novena to the Miraculous Medal*

Saturday, September 15th  
4:00 p.m. .... Jim Berry

Sunday, September 16th  
9:15 a.m. .... Living & Deceased Parishioners

*If the Mass is for your intention, and you would like to take the gifts up to the altar, please let an usher know before Mass.*

**Mass Intentions—Our Lady of Hope**

Monday, September 10th  
8:00 a.m. .... Dec. Mem. of the Andrasak Family

Tuesday, September 11th  
8:00 a.m. .... Dec. Veterans of the Vietnam War

Friday, September 14th  
8:00 a.m. .... Ted & Eleanor Rutkowski

Sunday, September 16th  
11:00 a.m. .... Robert Ford

**R.C.I.A.**

Catechesis is the act of handing on the Word of God intended to inform the faith community and candidates for initiation into the Church about the teachings of Christ transmitted by the apostles. If you or someone who you know are interested in inquiring about more information about the Catholic Church, please contact Louise at 440-232-8166.

**ENGAGING THE STRUGGLES OF YOUR HEART**

This is the second series in the "*Walking Toward Eternity*" program. It is a challenging study that can open our eyes to obstacles in our Christian walk such as greed, envy, fear and shame. Through prayer, reflection, guidance and the aid of the Holy Spirit, we begin to engage these difficulties in a positive way as we continue toward our goal of union with Christ. These sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 19th, at 7:00 p.m. and continue for 8 consecutive weeks. Please contact Louise at 440-232-8166 to register. Journals for this series will be available for \$17, and if you have an e-mail, will also give you access to the website where you can view a session if you have missed one.

**FOOD PANTRY/BOB EVANS FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the food pantry. We collected \$218 in July and \$289 in August. Thanks for your monetary and food donations.

Our next Bob Evans fundraiser is scheduled for Monday, October 1st from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Bob Evans will donate 15% of your check if you present the flyer which will be in the bulletin soon.

**Parish Support for 9/2/2018**

Regular Collection	\$2014.00
Parish Improvement	\$1195.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3209.75</b>

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**MASS COUNTS**

<b>SM:</b>	4 pm—136; 9:15am—121	Total—257
<b>OLH:</b>	4 pm—125; 11 am—159	Total—284

***Please Remember In Your Prayers . . .***

Sam Alesci, Josephine Augusta, Roy Auzenne, Pat Battaglia, Gen Cannella, Jo Cermak, Andrew Cigany, Albert Ciprian, JoAnn Conway, Alice Cotter, Dick Dolan, Helen Druso, Darilinn Grubbs, Sarah Henderson, Mary Hills, Dolores P. Hovan, Leonard Iacco, Carol Kainec, Julius Kerekes, Donna Kontur, Cindy Lowe, Joan Lucas, Wileta Lynch, Jackie Maire, Ryan Martin, Delores Nose, Lucille Novak, Allan Ochwat, Catherine Pangrac, Dolores Parker, Agnes Pekar, Tina Pintkowski, Conner Press, Casimina Radicelli, Margaret Sacco, Bill Salettel, Charles Saraniti, Fr. Ed Schwet, Anna Marie Slaby, Pete & Rosalie Scimone, Lois St. John, LueRean Talley, Mary Ann Taylor, Maddie Timm, Walt Wawro, Carl Wilson Jr., Loretta Yarish, Gwen Yates, Patricia Zak

*We respect people's privacy. Please get permission from the family before asking us to add someone to the Prayer List.*

***In Memoriam***

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Vickie Marsolek who was buried this past week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**

There will be a workshop at St. Barnabas Church on September 23rd for those wishing to become a Eucharistic Minister. Workshops will be at other parishes until October 28th. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or for more information, please call Louise at 440-232-8166.



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

*Dear Parishioners,*

The Diocese informed me last Friday that the title to Saint Mary's school, library, and rectory transferred, and now Education Alternatives officially owns the property. The money, however, has not been transferred yet, and I will let you know the amount we receive as soon as the Diocese wires the money to Saint Mary's account. I am now living at the Our Lady of Hope's rectory, but it will take weeks to unpack the boxes. It was only 14 months ago that I moved into Saint Mary's rectory, and I hope this will be the last move for some time to come! There will be a Town Hall meeting at Saint Mary Church on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the flooded convent, and the course of action we might take in the weeks to come. All are welcome to attend.

Representatives from Saint Vincent De Paul will be speaking at all the Masses at both churches the weekend of September 15-16. Currently Saint Vincent De Paul is active at Our Lady of Hope in giving food and other financial assistance to the poor in our neighborhood. They are looking for more volunteers to help with this corporal work of mercy. I would also like to see Saint Vincent De Paul become active at Saint Mary as well. They were very active at Saint Mary before the church closed in 2009. Finally, I am looking for individuals who might be willing to serve on Finance Council at both Saint Mary and Our Lady of Hope. Both councils are rather small in size, and most of the members have been serving from six years to twenty years. Nearly half of Saint Mary's Finance Council will be rotating off by the end of this calendar year, and two members have already volunteered to rotate off Council at Our Lady of Hope. Terms going forward will be three years in length. If you are a person who cares about your parish and you can look at numbers on financial spreadsheets without getting overwhelmed, please give me a call at the parish office, and I can give you more information.

*Have a blessed week! Father Joe*

**TOWN HALL MEETING AT SAINT MARY**

On Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a Town Hall Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Mary Church. At this time, we will discuss what happened in the convent due to the flooding four weeks ago, and we will offer potential solutions to the problem. Parishioner input is highly needed and desired. All are welcome to attend.

**MUSICIANS' CORNER**

If you love to sing, please consider joining the choir this year! If you want to learn more, please speak to Coeli after Mass this weekend or next, or email her at [cingold@stmarybedford.org](mailto:cingold@stmarybedford.org).

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS**

Gather the family, lace your sneakers and help stomp out poverty in our community one step at a time by participating in the **St. Vincent de Paul Society 7th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 29th** with registration at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. We will be walking around Our Lady of Hope church parking lot. Donations and registration will be taken in the back of the Church on September 22/23 or on that day. All moneys donated come back to St. Vincent de Paul Society at Our Lady of Hope Parish.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SESSIONS**

We are planning another 8 consecutive week Bereavement Session for those who wish to participate and are not already involved in the monthly sessions. Sessions will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Hope Church. If anyone is interested in an evening session because they are not available during the day, we can arrange for that also. To join for either morning or evening session, please contact Louise at 440-232-8166.

**THE HUNGER CENTER**

Due to the sale of the school, the Hunger Center has been relocated to the Hope United Methodist Church at 79 Center Street in Bedford. We are called "*Soups on with Fr. Dan's Helping Hands*". Our first hot meal will be Wednesday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m. We hope to have the food pantry up and running in October. We are counting on your continued support with our food collections on the third weekend of each month.

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MARY****WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th**

7:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting C

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th**

9:45 a.m. Scripture Study CR

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPT. 15th & 16th**

Food Donation/Sales C

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

October 4th—Pet Blessing  
October 13th—Polka Mass & Dinner