

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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MARCH 10, 2019

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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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FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT



Mass Intentions—Saint Mary

Saturday, March 9th

4:00 p.m. Stan Koci, Sr.

Sunday, March 10th

9:15 a.m. Mayme Savarino

Wednesday, March 13th

7:30 a.m. - Rosary

8:00 a.m. Pat (Pasquale) Santangelo

Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 14th

7:30 a.m. - Rosary

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Novena to the Miraculous Medal

Saturday, March 16th

4:00 p.m. Anthony, Clara & Anna Massaro

Sunday, March 17th

9:15 a.m. Jacqueline Gulajski

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, March 11th

8:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, March 12th

NO MASS

Friday, March 15th

8:00 a.m. Tom Mahoney

Sunday, March 17th

11:00 a.m. Alexander & Agatha Karczewski

EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY

Join us on Wednesday evening, March 20th, for the annual diocesan-wide ***“Evening of Confession”***. Fr. Isidore will be available at St. Mary and Fr. Joe will be available at Our Lady of Hope from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All parishes in the Diocese will be participating in the Evening of Confession. Experience God's loving mercy. In the words of Pope Francis, *“God never tires of forgiving us”*. This is an excellent Lenten practice as we prepare for Easter.

MARRIED COUPLES WEEKEND***Husband & Wife Get Away!***

Many husbands and wives seem to be “married” to their career, TV, phone, sports, or their children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and your priorities and rediscover the newlyweds you once were by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next area Weekend is April 26-28, 2019 at the Homewood Suites in Solon. For more information call 330-305-9963 or register online at www.Great-MarriagesOhio.org.

CRS RICE BOWL

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who, as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

Please Remember In Your Prayers . . .

Sam Alesci, Josephine Augusta, Pat Battaglia, Gen Cannella, Andrew Cigany, Albert Ciprian, JoAnn Conway, Alice Cotter, Dick Dolan, Helen Druso, Trish Duncan, Darillinn Grubbs, Mary Hills, Dolores P. Hovan, Ken Hudak, Helen Husky, Leonard Iacco, Carol Kainec, Matt Kish, Donna Kontur, Cindy Lowe, Wileta Lynch, Jackie Maire, Ryan Martin, Marcy Nero, Delores Nose, Lucille Novak, Allan Ochwat, Dolores Parker, Agnes Pekar, Conner Press, Casimina Radicelli, Sister Patricia Raelene, Margaret Sacco, Bill Salettel, Charles Saraniti, Anna Marie Slaby, Pete & Rosalie Scimone, Veronica Sebastian, 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.



Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Patricia Kieliszek who was buried from our church this past week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

**Parish Support
for 3/3/2019**

Regular Collection	\$2070.00
Parish Improvement	\$1307.44
TOTAL	\$3377.44

MASS COUNTS

SM:	4 pm—170; 9:15 am—122	Total—292
OLH:	4 pm—136; 11 am—152	Total—288

Thank you for your continued generosity

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the first Sunday of Lent, and we hear in today's Gospel that Jesus was tempted by the Devil in the desert. The Catholic Church teaches us that Jesus was like us in all things but sin. Our Lord experienced the human condition to its fullest, and he understands the struggles that we go through in life. Just because Jesus never sinned doesn't mean that the Devil did not try to tempt him. Jesus would have been very hungry after fasting for forty days. Just think how hungry we can get fasting for just one day on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday. In this moment of apparent weakness the Devil tempted Jesus to use his power to satisfy his own needs. After resisting the temptation to turn stones into bread, Jesus was tempted to worship the Devil over his heavenly Father. Finally, Jesus was tempted to embrace glory if he threw himself off the parapet of the Temple only to have angels catch him. Jesus resisted the Devil each time, and our Lord gives us the grace we need to resist the temptations of Satan as we begin our 40 day Lenten retreat.

I want to welcome Patrick Rongers to the staff of Saint Mary and Our Lady of Hope as we bring him on board to be our part-time maintenance coordinator. Pat is a parishioner of Saint Mary, and he went to Saint Mary School. He is 28 years old, and he is currently studying to be a meteorologist while taking classes at Kent State and Ohio State. He is the main cook for the Saint Mary fish fries during Lent, so you might see him at the Social Hall on Fridays.

Finally, I want to let everyone know that I wrote a check to the Bridge Foundation for \$34,417.82. This was the money that was collected after Father Dan Begin died in February of 2017. After the library was sold at Saint Mary, along with the school and rectory, Father Dan's family and members of the Hunger Center initiative decided to move the ministry out of Saint Mary and Our Lady of Hope parishes. The money was given to the Bridge Foundation which operates out of Saint Coleman, and the ministry moved to the Hope United Methodist Church at 79 Center Road in Bedford where a hot meal is served on the third Wednesday of the month. All future food collections at Saint Mary and Our Lady of Hope will be directed toward our Saint Vincent DePaul-Saint Mary/Our Lady of Hope Food Pantry. If you want to donate money to

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this worthy cause, you can make the check out to "Saint Vincent DePaul," and the money will be used to help the poor right here in Bedford and the surrounding communities. Thanks for all the support you have given this new initiative so far!

Have a blessed beginning of Lent.

Father Joe

LENTEN DVD JOURNEY

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, "**No Greater Love**" is a five-part video pilgrimage guiding you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the mount of Calvary. Biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, biblical symbolism and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. The series also unpacks commonly misunderstood sayings of Jesus such as "*Father if it be possible, let this cup pass*". Was Jesus thinking of backing out at the last minute? **Please join us on the following Tuesdays during lent at 1:00 p.m.: March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, at Our Lady of Hope Church. For more information please call Louise at 440-232-8166.**

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

Please join us for a special hour of adoration and thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy of Jesus on **Sunday, March 10th**, from 2:30-3:30 at St. Monica Church.

LENTEN FISH FRIES

Our Lenten Fish Fries are all Fridays in Lent, except Good Friday, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Social Center. The menu includes fish, shrimp, combos, macaroni and cheese and pierogis.

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MARY****WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th**

6:00 p.m.	Ladies Guild Meeting	LOHV
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THURSDAY, MARCH 14th

6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	C
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FRIDAY, MARCH 15th

9:45 a.m.	Scripture Study	CR
5:00 p.m.	Fish Fry	SC

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 16th & 17th

Food Collection/Sales at both Masses	C
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