Our Lady of Hope Parish

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Immaculate Conception Church New Hartford, Connecticut Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Harwinton, Connecticut

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January 9, 2022

Our Mission

Our Lady of Hope Parish strives to be a Catholic community of disciples who work together to build up the Kingdom of God on earth. We offer to all a share in our faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Parish Office Information

60 Town Hill Road, P.O. Box 285, New Hartford, CT 06057-0285 Phone (860)379-5215 - Fax (860)379-9587 Office Hours: Mon—Fri - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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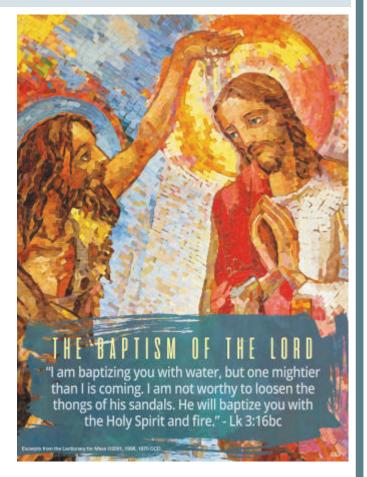
<u>Mass Schedule</u>

Saturday Sunday	5:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary 8:00am at Immaculate Conception 9:30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary 11:30am at Immaculate Conception
Weekdays	8:00am Monday & Wednesday Immaculate Heart of Mary 8:00am Tuesday & Friday Immaculate Conception

Reconciliation Hours

Saturdays from 3:30—4:45pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary or by appointment

<u>Our Vision</u> Our Lady of Hope Parish envisions a community characterized by spiritual vitality, stewardship, accountability, and social and financial responsibility—all for the sake of fulfilling our mission.



Sacrament of Baptism: We welcome your child to the Parish. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for the Baptism Preparation Program.

Sacrament of Marriage: Congratulations on your commitment. Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to arrange for your preparation sessions.

Hospital & Home Visitation: Please contact the Parish Office to let us know when a family member is homebound, in the hospital, or in a nursing home. Our Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring communion to area locations on a regular basis.

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The Baptism of the Lord

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE "We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

Parish Support

Our Lady Of Hope Parish

Stewardship Offering 12/19/21	\$5,878.00
Online Giving 12/19/21	\$2,108.00
Christmas Offering	\$11,217.00
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Online Giving 12/26/21	\$3,893.00
Stewardship Offering 1/2/22	\$4,226.00
Online Giving 1/2/22	\$4,228.00
Monthly Collection	\$1,925.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$796.00

Thank you to everyone who sends in their make-up offertory when they are away or unable to attend Mass.

A tax statement will be mailed the end of January to everyone who contributed \$500.00 or more for their 2021 Offertory Contributions. If you contributed less than \$500.00 and would like us to send you a statement for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office.



Giving Tree Generosity

The Social Concerns Ministry would like to thank those parishioners who gave so generously from their hearts this Thanksgiving and Christmas season. This year it was a combined drive again from

both IHOM and ICC. The ministry provided toys, gift cards, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, diapers, wipes, clothes, blankets, and Thanksgiving Day dinners to: Catholic Charities, FISH, Two Hearts, Hands of Grace, Pleasant Valley Food Bank, and Friendly Hands. The agencies were so grateful for the very generous donations. In addition to these agencies, we were able to, through the incredible generosity of our fellow parishioners, personally touch the lives of several families with dinners for both holidays and gifts for Christmas. They each received grocery store gift cards, toys, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, and gift cards for their teens. Again, thank you from the Social Concerns Ministry to all the parishioners of Our Lady of Hope Parish. A special thank you to the teenagers in the CCD program. Thank you for making our collections so successful and helping people in need in our community. We want to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

If any parishioner or family needs food assistance, please contact the parish office.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Saturday Vigil, January 8, 2022

5:00 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary -†Ray & Mary Santoro and daughter, Cathy by a friend

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church

+Maureen Jerram, 4th Anniversary Remembrance, by the family

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary — live streamed

+Danh Le, by the Huynh & Maraia Families

11:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception

+Josephine Foisie, Birthday Remembrance, by the family

Weekday Masses

Mon. 1/10 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary -for the parishioners of Our Lady of Hope Tues. 1/11 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception -Special Intention

Weekday Masses, cont.

Wed. 1/12 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary -†Marie Vitale, by her sister, Ann
Thurs. 1/13 NO MASS
Fri. 1/14 8:00am Immaculate Conception -†Merritt & Lois Aseltine, by the Aseltine Family

Saturday Vigil, January 15, 2022

5:00 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary -†Jennifer Benaitis, by the Maraia Family

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church -for the parishioners of Our Lady of Hope
9:30 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary — *live streamed* -†John Hudach, by the Social Concerns Ministry
11:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception -†Joseph O'Brien, by the Mitchell Family



Music for January 15 & 16 5:00 PM - Cantor 8:00 AM - Cantor 9:30 AM - Cantor 11:30 AM - Spirit!



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GOOD LUCK & GOD BLESS Father Michael

This past Sunday, January 2 we spent some time wishing Father Michael our best. We are grateful for his time here and will miss him

Let us welcome this weekend, *Father John Granato,* who has been assigned Pastor of Our Lady of Hope.



The Sacred Heart Candle at Immaculate Heart of Mary will burn in memory of Sandra Troughton & Alfred Torsiello as requested by the family

> The Blessed Mother Candle at Immaculate Conception Church will burn in memory of **Audrey Baker Scacca**, 8th Anniversary Remembrance as requested by the Baker Family



The parish family of Our Lady of Hope expresses our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to the family and friends of *Marta Rubenoff* who recently died. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

January 9, 2022

In His baptism, "Jesus shows his solidarity with us, with our efforts to convert and to be rid of our selfishness, to break away from our sins in order to tell us that if we accept Him in our life He can uplift us and lead us to the heights of God the Father. Homily of Pope Benedict XVI on Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 2013



MOREOVER, JESUS SHOWS HIS **COMPLETE SUBMISSION TO THE** WILL OF HIS FATHER. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE **DISCERNING A CALL TO LIVE** THEIR BAPTISMAL COMMITMENT AS PRIESTS, BROTHERS, OR SISTERS. IF YOU FEEL A CALL TO RELIGIOUS LIFE....

Contact Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Tel. 860.761.7456, or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

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Thank you to everyone who helped make both churches look beautiful for Advent and Christmas. Your hard work was truly appreciated.

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Why Do Catholics Do That:

Question:

If Jesus didn't sin, why did he need to be baptized?

Answer:

From the earliest days of St. John the Baptist, baptism has been a sign of repentance and forgiveness of sins. Now Jesus has instituted it as a sacrament, with real power to cleanse us from original sin and adopt us as children of God. But if Jesus wasn't affected by original sin, nor did he willingly choose sin, why would he need baptized? to be

The Catechism lists four primary reasons for the Incarnation. One is that "the Word became flesh to be our model of holiness" (CCC 459). St. John Paul II wrote that "all of Christ's life was a continual teaching." In other words, many of Jesus' actions were not only for the action itself, but to model certain things for us. In becoming man, Jesus is not so loft that he expects things of us he isn't willing to do himself. We see this most poignantly in his passion and death. In his baptism, Jesus identifies with sinners and gives us a model of what we ought to do - repent, be cleansed, and receive the grace of God!

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Lourdes Shrine

Beginning January 8th, the Grotto Gift Shop at Lourdes in Litchfield, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield will be open weekends only from 11:30-4:00, weather permitting. A 30% discount will be offered on selected Christmas items during this time. Regular hours will resume in March. For further information, email: lourdesshrinect@gmail.com or call 860-567-1041.



Women of Hope and Faith (study group)

New study beginning on 1/6/22. Please come join us. We share. Laugh. Learn. Social Center Thursdays 7-8:30pm

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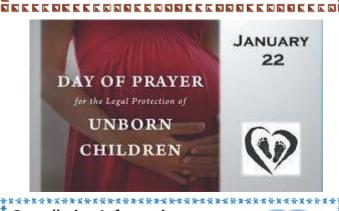
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LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Ы It Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must l have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship 🖬 He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also 1 occupy in His heart. We no longer have to M wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to Ν fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do 🖥 is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. ы There is nothing to fear and worry has no ы place. Standing in line with other sinners, ы we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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Cancellation Information: If Region 7 and/or Region 10 Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, our religious education classes will also be cancelled and will be announced on WFSB Channel 3, on https://www.wfsb.com/weather/closings, and on the parish website (www.ourladyofhopeparish.com).



A Family Perspective In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased."

As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

Our Lady of Hope Religious Education

Religious Education Class Schedule:

Mon., January 10: Grades 1 – 5, Antolini School, 6:15 – 7:15

Tues., January 11: Grades 6 – 7A, Social Center, 6:15 – 7:15

Wed., January 12: Grades 6 – 7B, Social Center., 6:15 – 7:15

Mon., January 17: No Classes (Martin Luther King Day)

Tues., January 18: Grades 6 – 7A, Social Center, 6:15 – 7:15

Wed., January 19: Grades 6 – 7B, Social Center, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

The schedule for the new year (January through May 2022) was distributed at all classes. Contact Teresa if you have not received the new schedule!

Religious Education Lesson Corner: A new feature of this religious education page!



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Some classes during the first week of January focused on Epiphany. The students learned that the Magi were important, rich men. And they were not too proud to humble themselves and bow down before the baby Jesus because they knew that here was the person they had been seeking, found

at long last: the most special King ever! How much more should we acknowledge and continue to seek our Lord Jesus Christ our King in our everyday lives! The 8th Graders learned about the connection between Baptism and Confirmation. Some of the lower grades also talked about Baptism: the Baptism of our Lord which we celebrate this weekend! The common thread through all the classes was that any good that we do is always guided by the Holy Spirit leading us.

Questions about our Religious Education program? Contact Teresa Lovejoy, coordinator, Religious.ed@ourladyofhopeparish.com.

Service Opportunities

Help stock the shelves at our parish food pantry in Harwinton. Contact Mrs. Schatz at (630) 605-1236, leahmark@bellsouth.net



Readings for the week of January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 Observances for the week of January 9, 2022 Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord Monday: Tuesday:

Wednesday: Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Friday: Saturday: Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



American Red Cross

Join Our Lady of Hope and help save lives at a community blood drive at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Social Center. — Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. The blood drive will take place on Thursday, January 20th from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

The need for blood is constant, but only 3 percent of the U.S. population donates. By rolling up a sleeve, donors can play a critical role in the treatment of accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Completion of a RapidPass®online health history questionnaire found at RedCrossBlood.org/rapidpassis encouraged to help speed up the donation process. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.



Our Parishes' Great **Adventure** Bible **Study Continues**

Our Great Adventure bible study through the **Book of Acts** will be resuming for the remaining 8 sessions beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 pm at Trinita. Please be prepared with workbooks etc. for discussion of Session 13. Sessions will follow every other Tuesday through April 5th. Protocols are in place and masking will be at your discretion.

Our Parish's' Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible Great Adventure will be resuming classes on Tuesday, Jan. 18th at 6:30 at Trinita. Please be prepared to discuss Session 3 in your workbook with Jeff Cavins lecture to follow. Sessions will follow every other Tuesday through March 29th.

Feel free to contact Ken Foisie at 860-678-7922 or cfn_inc@comcast.net; or Deborah Kellogg at 860-921-7425 if you need study materials or have any questions.

"The ABCs of Annulment" Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

Father Philip Schulze, Pastor of Saint Margaret Parish, 24 Academy Street, Madison, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Saturday of January 22nd, 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above.

Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday January 29th, and February 12th and 19th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.

Stewardship Reflection

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit... '" (Luke 3:16)



The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



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