



Our Lady of Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

JANUARY 3, 2021 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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.

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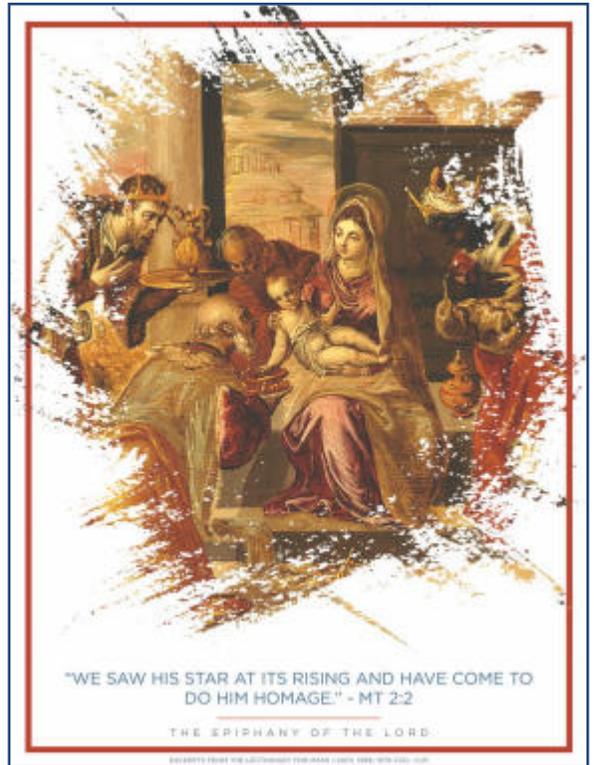
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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



“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Saturday, January 2

3:00 p.m. Confession
 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:

Sunday, January 3
Epiphany of the Lord

SM—9:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 OLH—11:00 a.m. Martha Benek

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Monday, January 4

8:00 a.m. Frank Lubinski

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 a.m. William Palumbo, Jr.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Mildred Femc

Thursday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Jackie Vlk Maire

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, January 9

3:00 p.m. Confession
 4:00p.m. Living & Dec. Mem. of Horvath & Toth Families

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:

Sunday, January 10
Baptism of the Lord

SM—9:15 a.m. Nancy Tomak
 OLH—11:00 a.m. George & Bernice Aspery

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 Ugucini, Carmen Whaley, Bernie Sylvester, Lil Kalal, Andy Mizsak, Matthew Reeve, Albert Finn, Harold Fischer, Ronald Richnavsky, Joe McElhone, Laverne Krempasky, Patricia Zak, Matthew J. Zamiska, Daisy Darus, Gerry Lantos, Louise Dragan, Ken Hudak, Maria Spears, Shirley Holman, Frank Richnavsky, Eileen Salupo, Jim Goersmeyer, Shirley Manning, Joseph Homa, Anthony Sava, Dolores Hustack, Thomas Wagner, Florence Cartellone, Rosalie Skocaj, Jim Tench, George Klem, George Phillips, Eleanor Phillips, Special Intention, Deacon Bill Starkey, Richard Byrne, Mary Ann Seebauer, and all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world...



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

Robert Koutnik

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



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **In the spirit of the Magi, please give to St. Vincent de Paul Society by a monetary gift or food so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.**

If anyone from Our Lady of Hope or St. Mary is in need of help, please call the parish office and leave a message for St. Vincent de Paul Society. All calls are kept confidential.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Due to the timeliness of the bulletin for this weekend, the Offertory Contributions for the weekend of Christmas and December 26/27 will be published in our January 9/10 bulletin. We always appreciate your generosity!

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

December 20, 2020

Weekly Collection.....\$2,879.50
 Envelopes used..... 99
 Comfort the Needy.....\$120.00
 Parish Improvement.....\$646.00

Special Collections

Flowers & Decorations-\$89; Religious Retirement-\$135; All Saints Day-\$10; Immaculate Conception-\$65; Solemnity of Mary-\$23.

Thank you for your generosity!!

IT'S TAX TIME ONCE AGAIN

Please send a copy of my 2020 contribution statement for Our Lady of Hope to:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

Please fill out and send back to the rectory. If you can include a first class stamp we would appreciate it.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Since we are still in the Christmas season, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year! Liturgically, it has been a busy and exciting couple of weeks with the celebration of the Incarnation, the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God on New Year's Day, and now the Epiphany this weekend. Both Our Lady of Hope and Saint Mary were decorated so beautifully for the Christmas season, and I want to thank all the volunteers on the decorating committees of both parishes who gave of their time and talent to make the churches look so festive. Thanks also to the Eucharistic ministers and lectors who volunteered their ministerial services for these holy days. I do miss not having altar servers and the beautiful choirs singing all the festive music. Hopefully sometime in the upcoming year we can return to some semblance of "normal," liturgically speaking. I want to thank everyone who sent me Christmas cards and gifts and well-wishes for my mother. As I write this column on December 23rd for publishing on January 3rd, my mom is in hospice at a Columbus hospital with great difficulty breathing. I have been praying for healing, but, most of all, that God's will be done.

As we celebrate the Epiphany, we only know the story of the Magi from Matthew's Gospel, and that they probably traveled from the Kingdom of Persia (Iran). The Magi were skilled in philosophy, medicine, and natural science. If someone were to ask you how many magi or kings there were, we would want to say "three," but the Bible does not specify a number. According to Matthew's Gospel: "*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews?'*" (Mt 2:1) It was later assumed in the Tradition, that since there were three gifts, there must have been three magi. Later tradition increased the status of the wise men, making them kings. There were three of them: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gift of gold symbolized Christ's royalty, while frankincense symbolized his divinity. Myrrh was the unusual gift for a baby since it came from dried tree sap, and it was used in embalming fluid and for incense at funerals. This gift symbolized Christ's future death on the cross. Even during the Christmas season, we are called to remember Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection,



and that suffering can be redemptive for all of us. We all would be wise to remember this as we continue to struggle with the pandemic in the upcoming year.

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Christmas Season, Father Joe

1260 AM THE ROCK NEWS.

Bishop Edward Malesic will be our guest on the next episode of "Table Talk Show". Anything on your mind that you would like to ask Bishop Malesic? If so, please email tabletalk@am1260therock.com with your question and it may be used on the air! This edition of Table Talk will air three times: Thursday, January 21st at 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 22nd at 8:00 a.m. and Sunday, January 24th at 1:00 p.m. If you miss the broadcast, please go to the archive tab on www.am1260therock.com and listen there.

TV MASS TIMES

The Sunday television Mass can be seen at 10:00 a.m. on **WUAB Channel 43**, the CW. Those with cable TV need only to check their local cable system listings to determine where WUAB is located on their local channel line-up. The TV Mass also can be accessed on demand starting Saturday evening and running throughout Sunday on the Diocese website at dioceseofcleveland.org. In addition, the Mass can be heard on the radio, at 4 p.m. Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. Sundays on **AM 1260 The Rock**. Also, radio station **WINT-1330 AM** airs the Mass at 9 a.m. each Sunday and **Cox Communications** cable subscribers can view the Mass at 11:30 a.m. Sunday on channel 45.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
FREE MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT**

Please join us for our "in-office" Sunday Grief Support Group on January 17th with limited seating for appropriate social distancing. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to talk about your grief. You do not even have to talk, but come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The January topic is "**Facing the New Year with Hope and Love**" but discussions follow whatever is on your heart. We will meet 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the following locations: Holy Cross Cemetery-Brook Park; Calvary Cemetery-Cleveland; All Saints Cemetery-Northfield; All Souls Cemetery-Chardon. Meeting sites are sanitized and seating will be arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. Participants are requested to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. It is required that participants wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

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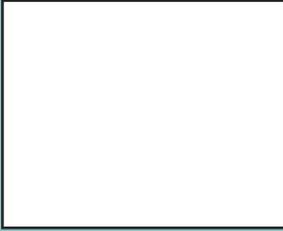
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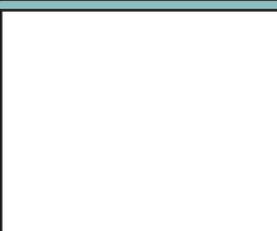
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