



Our Lady of Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

MARCH 21, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

CONFESSIONS:
Saturdays 3:00 p.m. or
anytime by appointment.

BAPTISM: For
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440-232-8166 during
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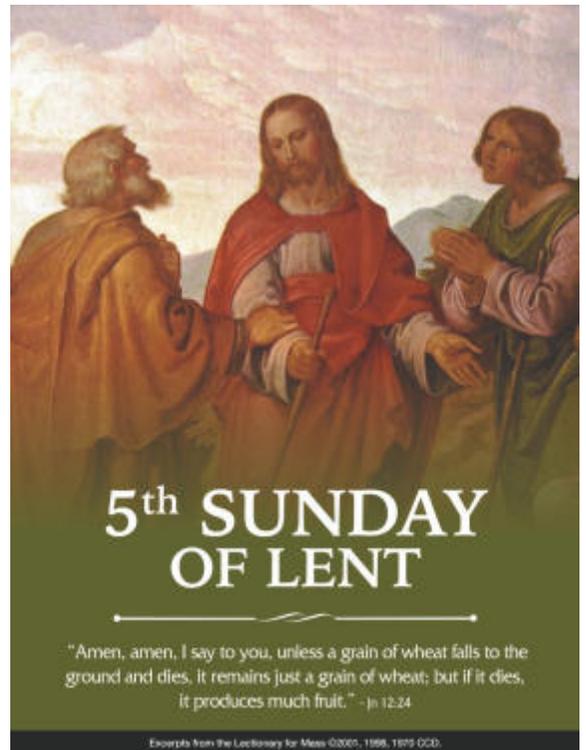
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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



Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Saturday, March 20

3:00 p.m. Confession
 4:00 p.m. Joseph Horvath

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:

Sunday, March 21
Fifth Sunday of Lent

SM—9:15 a.m. Michael Janosko
 OLH—11:00 a.m. Rose Gaglione

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Monday, March 22

8:00 a.m. Dan Tomko

Tuesday, March 23

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
 Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Jackie Vlk Maire

Thursday, March 25

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, March 26

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Saturday, March 27

3:00 p.m. Confession
 4:00p.m. Irma Falorio

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

SM—9:15 a.m. Patricia Ann Battaglia
 OLH—11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

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 Uguccini, Carmen Whaley, Bernie Sylvester, Lil Kalal, Andy Mizsak, Matthew Reeve, Albert Finn, Ronald Richnavsky, Joe McElhone, Laverne Krem-pasky, 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, Anthony Sava, Dolores Hustack, Thomas Wagner, Florence Cartellone, Rosalie Skocaj, Jim Tench, George Klem, Eleanor Phillips, Special Intention, Deacon Bill Stark-ey, Richard Byrne, Mary Ann Seebauer, Ed Kotowski and all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world...

FORGIVEN:

The Transforming Power of Confession

In this week's final session we will touch on many of the ideas already mentioned in previous sessions to make sure that answers to some of the most common questions about Confession are clear to participants. Love is the source and foundation of this sacrament. In addition to understanding that "God is love," it is also important to realize that "God is truth." Jesus came to teach us the truth about God and how we are to live in the kingdom that he was to establish. **Please join us at Our Lady of Hope Church on Thursday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. for the last session of this series, which will be led by Fr. Joe.**



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

Shirley Carlozzi

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

EASTER HAMS



Easter Hams will once again be provided to our neighbors experiencing difficult times by the members of our **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. If you are able, can you contribute a half a ham for a neighbor in need this year? **The ham drop-off will be at our Food Pantry located at Our Lady of Hope on Monday, March 22nd from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.**

(The Food Pantry is in the back parking lot of OLH church. Please follow the signs.)

If any parishioners from Our Lady of Hope & St. Mary are in need of help, please call the parish and leave a message with our St. Vincent de Paul Society. All calls remain confidential.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

March 14, 2021

Weekly Collection \$3,381.00
 Envelopes used..... 115
 Comfort the Needy..... \$261.00
 Parish Improvements \$297.00

Special Collections

Black & Indian Mission-\$5; CRS-\$185; Eastern Europe-\$66; Flowers & Decorations-\$79; Ash Wednesday-\$5; Easter-\$35.

MASS COUNT

OLH: 4pm—56; 11am—63; Total—119
STM: 4pm—77; 9:15am—49; Total—126

Thank you for your generosity!!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,
 Last week I had a fulfilling visit with my mom for a day and my dad for five days. It was the first time I got to visit indoors with my dad in over a year. He is very lonely, but he is doing much better health-wise than a year ago. My dad can carry on a conversation for at least one hour at a time, and his vascular dementia has plateaued for over two years now. My mom is still in hospice, but they are slowly titrating her off the morphine which is helping her cognitive ability. She still hasn't been able to get out of bed since December 6th when she first contracted Covid. As more people are vaccinated against Coronavirus, the Mass count at both churches continues to go up. That's a positive sign that we are slowly returning to "normal." Since we aren't back to "normal" yet, the Bishop's Office has issued Covid directives for the celebration of Holy Week. This past March 17th was the one year anniversary of the Mass shutdown. At least we will be able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter in public this year!

On Palm Sunday, the Mass will begin in the back of the church as usual, but the distribution of blessed palms will take place as parishioners leave the church at the end of Mass. Also, during the proclamation of the Passion on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, the part of the "Crowd" will be read by the "Voice," since most of you will not have a copy of the Passion in front of you. If you do bring a copy of the Passion with you, feel free to speak the part of the Crowd. On Holy Thursday, the Mandatum (foot-washing) will be omitted and the Holy Oils will already be on a table in the sanctuary when the priest blesses them. At the end of Mass, the altar of repose will be our regular tabernacle, and the priest will process by himself to put the ciborium in it as the Mass of the Lord's Supper ends. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00pm. On Good Friday, there will be adoration of the Cross with people coming forward to reverence the Cross. Please do not touch the Cross; you can bow or genuflect before it. I will write about the Easter Vigil in my next column.

Lenten Blessings,
 Father Joe



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DISCIPLE MAKER SURVEY

The Disciple Maker Survey can be accessed on either parish website: www.ourladyofhopebedford.org or www.saintmarybedford.org. A paper copy of the survey will be located by the entrances of both churches. Copies of the survey for both churches will also be available in the foyer outside Our Lady of Hope rectory next to the bulletins. When you have completed the hard-copy survey, you can drop it off in a box marked "Surveys" that will be located in the gathering spaces of both churches. You can also drop it off after hours at the Our Lady of Hope rectory by putting it through the mail slot. Thanks for your participation.

DURING LENT—

Come spend some time with Jesus and join us at Our Lady of Hope & St. Mary for the following:

- OLH —Lenten Discussion Series "Forgiven" at 6:30pm on Thursdays.**
- SM—Stations of the Cross—after 8am Mass on Wednesdays.**
- OLH—Stations of the Cross— at 2:15 on Fridays.**



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 1st

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. at both OLH & SM.

Good Friday, April 2nd

Stations of the Cross at 12:15 p.m. at **OLH ONLY**.
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. at both OLH & SM.
 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. at **SM ONLY**.

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

Blessing of the Food at 12 noon at **SM** for both churches.
Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m. at SM for both churches.

*(There are **no** Confessions or 4pm Masses at OLH & SM.)*

Easter Sunday, April 4th

9:15 a.m. Mass at SM
 11:00 a.m. Mass at OLH

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Lenten Discussion Series "Forgiven" at 6:30pm in OLH Church.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Stations of the Cross at 2:15pm in OLH Church.

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