



Our Lady OF Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

May 8, 2016
Ascension of the Lord

BAPTISM: Parent preparation program required. Please call the rectory at least three months prior to the birth of the child. Arrangements for the Baptism may be made upon completion of instructions. Please call the Rectory office to set up Baptism date and time.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 3:30 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

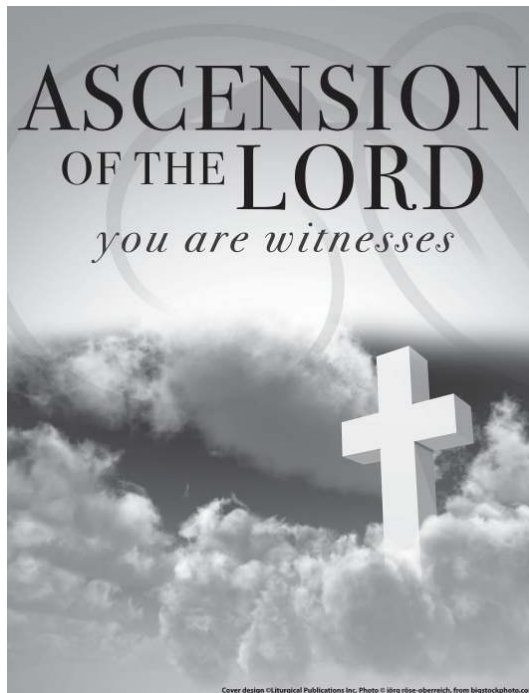
MARRIAGES: Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS (PRIESTHOOD/DIACONATE):

For information please contact Fr. Begin. For information on Religious Life, please contact S. Irene.

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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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 8:30am-3:00pm. Anytime for emergencies.

There are a lot of religious writings in the world. Most traditions have what adherents consider their sacred texts. Jews have the Torah and the rest of the Hebrew Bible. Christians have the Old and New Testaments. Muslims hold on to the Quran as their sacred text, while Mormons turn to the Book of Mormon. Sikhs, Hindus, Buddhists all turn to writings of their own faith to inspire and guide them.

The verses we read this weekend are the last lines of St. Luke's Gospel. While they form the end of the Gospel, the passage is only the conclusion of the first part of Luke's larger narrative, a story that is continued in the Acts of the Apostles. Luke told us that he was going to "compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled" (Lk 1:1). As he brings his Gospel to a close, he comes back to that very theme. Jesus tells his disciples before he ascends that the events that took place (that is, his suffering, death, and rising on the third day) were written about and fulfilled. Luke and the other early Christians used the texts that they were familiar with—the prophets, the Psalms, and the rest of Hebrew Bible—and found in these writings ways to make sense of what had happened to them and their experience of the risen Christ.

We see this process at work in today's Gospel. Luke's narrative was strung together to lead Jesus on a journey to Jerusalem where he would suffer, die, and rise on the third day. Now, as today's Gospel indicates, Jerusalem is the starting point from which all the nations will hear the word of God, the very things to which the final chapters of the prophet Isaiah allude. The challenge for us, as believers who live two thousand years after these words have been written, is to consider what they mean in our lives today. How are we witnesses to this truth?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Sunday, May 8

Ascension of the Lord

9:15 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Dorothy Milavec

Monday, May 9

8:00 a.m. Judy Kucharik

Tuesday, May 10

7:30 a.m. Rosary

8:00 a.m. Robert Ford

Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, May 11

8:00 a.m. Irene Sweed Barnard

Thursday, May 12

8:00 a.m. Paul J. Pojman

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, May 13

8:00 a.m. Ralph Rasch

Saturday, May 14

3:30 p.m. Confession

4:30 p.m. Benjamin Furmanek

Sunday, May 15

Pentecost Sunday

9:15 a.m. Mary Ann Grief

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 7 & 8

May Crowning During all Masses

MONDAY, MAY 9

Evening Easter Vespers, 7pm in Church

Boy Scouts, 7:30pm in Scout Room

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Book Study & Sharing, 7pm in Rectory

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

SVDP Mtg., 3pm in Rectory

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Cub Scout Mtg., 7pm in School Building

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Bedford Unity A.A. Group Mtg., 8pm in Club Room

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 14 & 15

Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale after all Masses in the Social Hall

EVENING EASTER VESPERS

Please join us for Evening Easter Vespers on Monday evening, May 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church with Deacon Bill Starkey.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

April 30/ May 1, 2016

Weekly Collection \$5,566.00

Envelopes used..... 253

Online Giving..... \$500.00

Comfort the Needy..... \$324.00

Repairs & Maintenance..... \$125.00

Special Collections

Catholic Home Mission-\$29.00; Holy Thursday-\$5.00;

Ascension-\$38.00.

Thank you for your generosity!!

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick in our parish and families, especially: Elayne Stefanek, Kathleen Tesmer, Trudy Zimo, Jenie Royer, Bryndl Healy, Avianna Wichert, Mary Jean Mitchell, Bob Salko, Jeanne Stier, Jessie Tyszka, Daisy Darus, Paul Recko, Dennis King, Joyce Dubsky, Joe Offutt, Lois St. John, Ken Hudak, Mary Bova, Walter Johnson, Lil Kalal, Daniel Saunders, Marie Walker, Ella Mae Gongos, James Wichert, Norman Kostyo, Therese Holland. Paula Balogh, Marguerite Waple, Charles Sprows, Ann Murg, Helen Barto, Stephon Smedley, Helen Harrison, Lenore Nipper, Betty Rogers, Daniel Rogers, Martha Harkai, Dan O'Reilly Family, Carmella Genova, Jackie Desch, William Imtihare, Virginia Duda, Joseph McElhone, John Lemponen, Matthew Reeve, Clare Rizzo, Shirley Hershberger, Barbara Burda, Madison Simko, Myah Simko, Jim Waple, Dave Mordarski, Joe Palumbo, Rosemary Holycross, Daniel D. Baran, Bernie Sylvester, Jerry Bryndal, Perry Travagliante, George Mallis, Don Wondolowski, Betty Biros, Mary Grauel, Saleema Corrigan, Joan Lucas, Nancy Lachowski, Edie Incorvaia, Steve M. Cingel, Taj Render, Dorothy Litwinowicz, Eileen Salupo, Vicky Hunter, Linda Marks, Mae Saliga, Marie Ochocki . . .

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Because of the Privacy Act, parish visitation to the hospitalized can occur only at the request of the patient or a family member. Let us know if you or a family member is in the hospital and wants a visit from the rectory.

URGENT NEED!!

We are in need of adult men and women servers for our funeral services. We will schedule a training session for those who volunteer. If you are interested, please call Louise at 440-232-8166.

SANCTUARY LAMP

May 7th thru 13th

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Hazel Corrado

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Dear Parishioners,

Looking back at the Ascension, we can see this triumphant moment as Jesus completes His mission here on earth, but for the Apostles, His family and friends it must have been like losing Him all over again after 40 days. Like so many comings and goings in life the change brings tears, questions and confusion on where do we go from here! Somehow looking back we realize that God had a plan and the infant church would move forward to levels that they never dreamed. His followers would find that by cooperating with the gift of the Holy Spirit and following Jesus way of love, all would work together to bring about His kingdom. We too need to take time, as we pray for the Spirit to come into our life, to look back at how God has been working throughout our life, and even in the hardest times, He will not leave us orphans. Let us pray for the Spirit that will guide our steps!



Love & Peace,

Fr. Dan



Like a loving Father or Patron of a family, God is an especially generous benefactor who lavishes gifts on the covenant people. These gifts are not distributed because of the people's merits, but strictly out of God's freely-given mercy.

**MAY CROWNING**

We will have our May Crowning this weekend, May 8th & 9th, during all Masses to honor our Blessed Mother.

BOOK STUDY

Book Study begins on Tuesday, May 10th. Those who are participating in this event, please pick up your book this weekend and read chapters 1 & 2.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you or someone that you know (14 years of age or older) have been Baptized and received First Communion but have never been confirmed, please consider checking into the gifts and blessings of receiving this sacrament. There is still time for preparation if you choose to be confirmed in September of 2016. Please contact Louise at 440-232-8166 for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING SESSIONS

If you or someone that you know is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please call Louise at 440-232-8166. Eucharistic Ministry training workshops are beginning.

SPRING CLEANING?

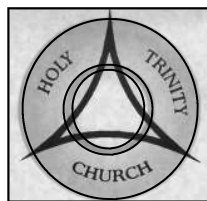
When spring cleaning, keep in mind that the Ladies Auxiliary will hold its annual Rummage Sale this July. Please save your unwanted items for the sale. We will begin collecting in early June.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS!!

Mark your calendar, our annual Bake Sale is next weekend, May 14th & 15th, after all Masses in the Social Hall. You can choose your favorite goodies from our great selection. This weekend, for Mother's Day, we ask the Lord to bless all the mothers of our parish. Thank you for all that you do.

**ECUMENICAL CHOIR CONCERT**

All are invited to attend, enjoy, and be uplifted by the music of the Ecumenical Disciples Choir Concert on Sunday, May 15th, at 4:00 p.m. presented by Our Lady of Hope Church.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS—
only two more weeks until our Holy Trinity Pancake Breakfast/Brunch Reunion on Holy Trinity Sunday, May 22nd! We will start with 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by breakfast/brunch in the Social

Hall. All parishioners, family and friends are invited and try to spread the word to any former Holy Trinity parishioners that you may know. To make reservations please call Verna at the rectory (440-232-8166). Come join us for some good food, memories and fellowship!! Free will offering!

PARISH LOTTERY WINNERS!!

Congratulations to the following APRIL winners of our Parish Lottery:

04/01 #110 Gemma Telling	04/18 #973 Tony DiBarto
04/04 #883 Jason Pastorius	04/18 #961 Jeff Janoco
04/05 #218 Ed Lubinski	04/19 #954 Jackee Clark
04/06 #478 Katie Simko	04/20 #119 Coletta Scholar-
04/10 #203 Christina Koenig	ship Fund
04/11 #351 Yvonne Ford	04/23 #350 Jenny Janoco
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04/15 #025 Nathan Telling	04/29 #523 A. Szczepanik
	04/29 #863 Marilyn Schroeter

Thank you for you your continuing support! Try your lucky number next month.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Department for Marriage and Family Ministry and the Office for Worship are pleased to announce the **50th Anniversary of Marriage Mass on Sunday, July 31, 2016** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. **The Mass is at 2:30 p.m.** Bishop Richard Lennon will be the principal celebrant. If you were married in 1966 or are celebrating another significant anniversary (55 years or more) of marriage, you are welcome to register and attend. **Please see your parish secretary for more information and a registration form.**

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