



# Our Lady of Hope

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

**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.

*MARCH 24, 2019*  
*THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*

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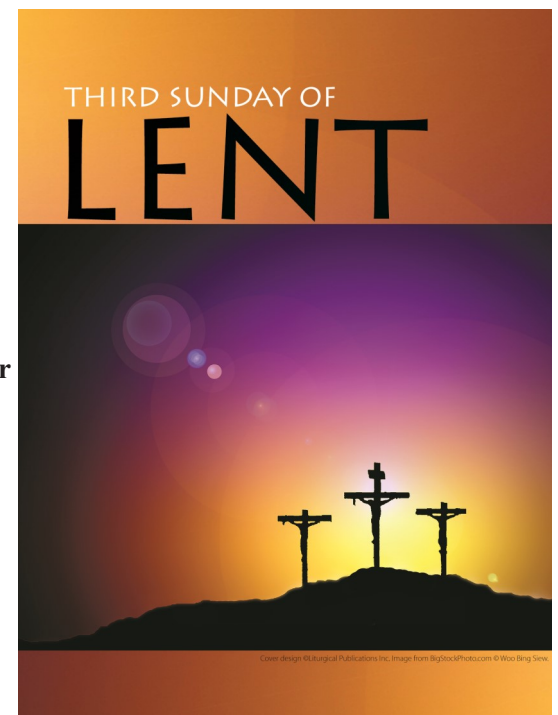
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**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

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



"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:**

**Saturday, March 23**

3:00 p.m. .... Confession  
 4:00 p.m. .... Walter & Doris Radomski

**ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:**

**Sunday, March 24**  
*Third Sunday of Lent*

SM—9:15 a.m. .... Michael Janosko  
 OLH—11:00 a.m. .... Larry Cox

**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:**

**Monday, March 25**

8:00 a.m. .... Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, March 26**

8:00 a.m. .... Bruno DeSantis  
*Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.*

**ST. MARY CHURCH:**

**Wednesday, March 27**

8:00 a.m. .... Robert Kellerman

**Thursday, March 28**

8:00 a.m. .... Living & Deceased Parishioners

**OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:**

**Friday, March 29**

8:00 a.m. .... Blessed Mother's Intentions

**Saturday, March 30**

3:00 p.m. .... Confession  
 4:00p.m. .... Paul Spear

**ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:**

**Sunday, March 31**  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

SM—9:15 a.m. .... Pat LaScala  
 OLH—11:00 a.m. .... Richard Sciranko

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

All **LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & SERVERS**—if you would like to sign up for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday sign-up sheets are in the Sacristy.

**WASHING OF THE FEET**

Those who would like to participate in the Holy Thursday "*Washing of the Feet*", please call the rectory. The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, April 18th, at 7:00 p.m.



If you or someone you know in our area are in need of help, such as food, etc., please call the parish office and someone will get back to you. All information will remain private.

***YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .***

*Please remember in your prayers all of the sick in our parish and families, especially:*

Jim Waple, Ann Murg, Virginia Vitale, Mary Emling, Daniel Baran, Berta Uguccini, Carmen Whaley, Trudy Zimo, Jerry Bryndal, Eileen Salupo, Bernie Sylvester, Lil Kalal, Andy Mizsak, Matthew Reeve, Albert Finn, Alan Parker, R.C., James Smith, Bob Franklin, Sharon Lauricella, Gwen Yates, Harold Fischer, Ronald Richnavsky, Joe McElhone, Mae Saliga, Laverne Krempasky, Larry Krempasky, Paul Melzer, Patricia Zak, Matthew J. Zamiska, Nina Jones, Daisy Darus, Sr. Patricia Raelene, Gerry Lantos, Louise Dragan, Ken Hudak, Joseph Milavec, Joyce Smedley, Kathleen Tessmer, Maria Spears . . .

*Because of the Privacy Act, parish visitation to the hospitalized can occur only at the request of the patient or a family member. Please call the rectory to let us know.*



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

***Virginia Johnson***  
***James Driscoll***

May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

**LENTEN JOURNEY: NO GREATER LOVE**

Please join us on Tuesday, March 26th at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Church for session 3 of our DVD Lenten Journey—*The Trial Before Pilate*. Though Jesus is arrested, beaten and condemned to death by the Sanhedrin, see how he remains the one in control. All are welcome to join this journey, even if you are unable to attend all sessions. Hope to see you there!

**UPCOMING PENANCE SERVICES:**

St. Monica, Garfield Hts.—April 1st at 7pm  
 St. Therese, Garfield Hts.—April 7th at 3pm  
 SS Cosmos & Damian, Twinsburg—April 8th at 6:30pm  
 Our Lady of Guadelupe, Macedonia—April 8th at 7pm  
 St. Rita, Solon—April 10th at 6:30pm

**OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS**

**March 16/17, 2019**

Weekly Collection .....\$4,037.00  
 Envelopes used ..... 155  
 Comfort the Needy .....\$92.00  
 Repairs & Maintenance .....\$499.00

**Special Collections**

Eastern Europe-\$6; Black/Indian Mission-\$31; Flowers & Decorations-\$205.

**MASS COUNT**

**OLH:** 4pm—111; 11am—151; Total—262  
**STM:** 4pm—161; 9:15am—110; Total—271

***Thank you for your generosity!!***

Dear Parishioners,

This Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation. There are only two Solemnities that fall during the Lenten Season, and they are separated by only six days: Saint Joseph day, which we celebrated on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and the Annunciation. We step outside of Lent on both of these days as the priest wears white at Mass and we sing the Gloria. We are not required to do penance and fasting on these days either. So if you gave up your favorite food for Lent, you can indulge this Monday! Solemnities always have to be celebrated, even during Lent, but sometimes they have to be moved. If you recall, last year March 25<sup>th</sup> fell on Palm Sunday. We could not celebrate the Annunciation that day since Sundays of Lent take precedence over Solemnities of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Weekdays of Holy Week and days within the Octave of Easter (Easter Sunday through Divine Mercy Sunday) also take precedence over Solemnities of the Blessed Virgin Mary. So last year the Annunciation had to be moved from March 25<sup>th</sup> all the way to Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

March 25<sup>th</sup> is exactly nine months before Christmas, and it commemorates the Angel Gabriel coming to the Blessed Mother and telling her that she would give birth to the Messiah. **“Then the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ But Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?’ And the angel said to her in reply, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God’”** (Luke 1:30-35). How fitting it is that we celebrate the incarnation of Christ in Mary’s womb during this time of our Easter preparation. For without the incarnation, there would be no resurrection and no redemption.

May the Blessed Mother intercede for us as we continue our Lenten journey! Father Joe



### **PARISH BAKE SALE!!**

All parishioners are asked to donate your favorite baked goods for our Parish Bake Sale the weekend of **April 6 & 7**. (No store bought items please.) Bring the baked goods in before Mass on April 6th from 2-4 p.m. and April 7th from 9-11 a.m. Please place on a disposable plate, tray or box. Then return after Mass to purchase an assortment of your favorites to enjoy. The Bake Sale is sponsored by our Ladies Auxiliary and Outreach Committee.

**Dinner and Easter Hams** will once again be delivered to our neighbors experiencing very difficult times by the members of our **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. The number of families we help depends on how many hams received. If you are able, can you provide a half a ham for a neighbor in need this Easter? Think about it, pray about it and if possible please help us.

### **HAM DROP-OFF LOCATIONS & TIMES**

April 4th	Our Food Pantry at OLH	10am-2pm
April 5th	Our Food Pantry at OLH	10am-2pm
April 6th	OLH & SM Churches	3:30-4pm
April 7th	SM Church	8:30-9am
April 7th	OLH Church	10:30-11am
April 8th	Our Food Pantry at OLH	10am-2pm

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

### **LADIES AUXILIARY FUNDRAISERS!**

**Malley’s Chocolate**—This weekend (March 23 & 24) is the last chance to place your order for Malley’s candy. If you have already turned in your order—Thank You! If you need an order form, they are still available in the Narthex (payment also due today). The candy will be available for pick-up on April 13 & 14.

**Easter Basket Raffle**—Stop after Mass this weekend & next weekend to purchase raffle tickets for our 4 beautiful Easter baskets! New raffle date—April 7th.

### **OUR LADY OF HOPE SENIOR NEWS!!**

Our next Seniors Meeting will be Tuesday, April 2nd at 12:30 p.m. in the Club Room. The members will enjoy chicken and ham wraps with beverages for lunch and games to play following. We hope to see you there!!

### **ST. MARY LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS**

Every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday) from 5-7 p.m. in the Social Center at 270 Union Street, Bedford. Need a menu—pick one up in the Narthex.

### **CRS RICE BOWL**

The Dhathcroos family returned home after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

### **THIS WEEK’S EVENTS:**

#### **SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 23 & 24**

Ladies Auxiliary Malley’s Fundraiser orders due.

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

Lenten DVD Journey, 1pm in Church.

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

SVDP Mtg., 6pm in Church Mtg. Room.

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

Cub Scout Mtg., 6:30pm in School.

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

Stations of the Cross, 2:15pm in Church.

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

Boy Scout Court of Honor, 2pm in Banquet Hall.