



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.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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



It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Saturday, September 7

3:00 p.m. Confession
 4:00 p.m. Joseph & Catherine McElhone

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:

Sunday, September 8

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Monday, September 9

8:00 a.m. Rose Scarfo

Tuesday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Dec. Mem of the Andrasak Fam.
Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, September 11

8:00 a.m. Vince Abbadini

Thursday, September 12

8:00 a.m. Ted Roman

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, September 13

8:00 a.m. Edward & Helen Musil

Saturday, September 14

3:00 p.m. Confession
 4:00p.m. Kathy Braz

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:

Sunday, September 15

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechetical Sunday

SM—9:15 a.m. Helen & Louis Szczepanik
 OLH—11:00 a.m. Joseph Milavec

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join us for the 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, October 12th at 10:00 a.m. with Bishop Nelson J. Perez presiding (at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist). The Mass is for couples residing within the Diocese of Cleveland married 50 years (married in 1969). Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or who have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend as well. We request that each couple bring no more than four family members to celebrate Mass with them so we have enough space for the couples. Please go online to www.ccdocle.org/mfm to register. Registrations are due by Monday, September 16, 2019. This is a firm deadline for preparation purposes.

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, Trudy Zimo, Bernie Sylvester, Lil Kalal, Andy Mizsak, Matthew Reeve, Albert Finn, Alan Parker, R.C., James Smith, Bob Franklin, Harold Fischer, Ronald Richnavsky, Joe McElhone, Mae Saliga, Laverne Krempasky, Larry Krempasky, Paul Melzer, Patricia Zak, Matthew J. Zamiska, Daisy Darus, Sr. Patricia Raelene, Gerry Lantos, Louise Dragan, Ken Hudak, Joyce Smedley, Maria Spears, Veda Wagner, Shirley Holmes, Frank Richnavsky, Eileen Salupo, Jim Goersmeyer, Mary Ann Runevitch...

MARRIAGE BANNS

III—Sanima Silga & Pengwende Christian Ouedraogo
 (Our Lady of Hope) (Our Lady of Hope)



In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ." **Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

DIOCESAN FALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY WORKSHOPS

The Fall Sessions for Eucharistic Ministry will begin on September 19th and be offered at various locations throughout the diocese until October 27th. Thursday, September 19th, and Tuesday September 24th, are at the locations closest to our area. **If you are interested in becoming part of this spiritually rewarding ministry, please call Louise at the parish office with any questions or to get you registered for one of the sessions. Thank you and God bless you.**

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

September 1, 2019

Weekly Collection..... \$3,549.00
 Envelopes used..... 190
 August Online Giving..... \$1,348.00
 Comfort the Needy..... \$357.00
 Repairs & Maintenance..... \$1,311.00

Special Collections

Assumption-\$8; Faith & Values-\$37; Catholic Communication-\$20.

MASS COUNT

OLH: 4pm—103; 11am—140; Total—243
 STM: 4pm—145; 9:15am—126; Total—271

Dear Parishioners,

I enjoyed the time visiting my dad in Bloomington, Illinois and my older brother's family in Urbana, Illinois. My dad now walks without the help of a wheelchair and his spirits were high. Thank you for your prayers. I celebrated Sunday Mass at my brother's parish, Holy Cross, in Urbana. The church was preparing for their feast day this Saturday, September 14th, the Feast of the Holy Cross. It's hard to imagine exalting the instrument of torture used by the Romans to execute criminals, including our Lord Jesus Christ. For over 2000 years the cross has stood as a stark reminder that the salvation of humankind came with a great price. Redemption was forever linked with suffering after Jesus' death and resurrection. While our biblical patrimony began in the Garden of Eden, Jesus never promised us a rose garden. He only promised to be with us until the end of the age, and what more could we ask for? While suffering has become part and parcel of our daily Christian lives, it still does not stop us from asking periodically, "Why do humans have to suffer?" As mysterious as it is, the answer to human suffering begins and ends with the Cross of Christ.



This world will always be filled with suffering, but Jesus promised that his grace would be sufficient for us in dealing with the trials of life. Out of necessity, when one speaks of suffering, one must also speak of hope. Redemption is offered to us in the sense that we have been given the hope we need to persevere in trial and to look toward the Heavenly Kingdom. We must remember that the victory over sin and death achieved by Christ in his cross and resurrection did not abolish temporal suffering from human life, but it did throw a new light upon every suffering. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminds us that, "It is not by sidestepping or fleeing from suffering that we are healed, but rather by our capacity for accepting it, maturing through it, and finding meaning through union with Christ, who suffered with infinite love." May the triumph of the cross always remind us of our Lord's unconditional love for each and every person.

Have a blessed week!
Father Joe

CERTIFICATE NEWS!!

We are asking for your help in purchasing some gift certificates. Pat Catan's Bedford store is closing the end of September. We have four \$20 Pat Catan gift certificates left in stock. If you can help we would appreciate it. The certificates are available to purchase after weekend Masses and during office hours.

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Gather the family, lace your sneakers and help stomp out poverty in our community one step at a time by participating in the **St. Vincent de Paul Society 8th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 28th** with registration at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. We will be walking around Our Lady of Hope church parking lot. Donations and registration will be taken in the Narthex on September 14/15 & 21/22 or on that day. All moneys donated come back to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

30th ANNUAL FALL FEST!!

Please join us at Light of Hearts Villa, 283 Union Street, Bedford, for our 30th Annual Fall Fest on Saturday, October 13th, from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. At the Fall Fest you can participate in a cash raffle, basket raffles, our craft fair and a pumpkin sale, along with enjoying a delicious dinner with family and friends. Dinner reservations required by October 3rd. Call 440-232-1991 or visit www.lightofheartsvilla.org/fall-fest. All proceeds will benefit the Sr. Helen Scasny, SC Benevolent Fund, which provides for those residents who outlive their financial resources.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT**

Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m., except on holidays, then we meet the 4th Sunday. The next Support Group closest to us is Sunday, September 15th at Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland (**new**) and Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office). Topic for September will be: "*Survivor's Guild & The What Ifs.*" If you are interested in participating at the new Grief Support Group location, please contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or call 216-930-4866. A reservation is not required, but appreciated.

CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY

Join the Cleveland Indians for Mass and a ball game for Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field on September 22nd. Pre-Game Mass at 10:15 a.m. in the Ball Park/ Tickets starting at \$18. See the Catholic Day Flyers in the Narthex for more information. Any additional questions, please call 216-420-4162 or email at jplys@indians.com.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

SVDP Food Pantry Open, 3-4:30pm at OLH.
Boy Scout Mtg., 7pm in Scout Room

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 & 15

Sign-up for SVDP Walk for the Poor after Mass

