



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.

JANUARY 19, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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www.ourladyofhopebedford.org

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the
Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me." ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. *"I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."*

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Saturday, January 18

3:00 p.m. Confession
 4:00 p.m. Dennis Grabowski

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:

Sunday, January 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM—9:15 a.m. Mirta Karlak
 OLH—11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King Day

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, January 21

No Mass

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, January 22

8:00 a.m. Victor Duever

Thursday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Ron Sweed

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, January 24

8:00 a.m. Carl E. Port, Sr.

Saturday, January 25

3:00 p.m. Confession
 4:00p.m. Betty Jones

ST. MARY & OUR LADY OF HOPE:

Sunday, January 26

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM—9:15 a.m. Robert & Pat Ribovich
 OLH—11:00 a.m. John C. Kochis

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .

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

Jim Waple, Virginia Vitale, Mary Em-ling, Daniel Baran, Berta Uguccini, Carmen Whaley, Trudy Zimo, Bernie Sylvester, Lil Kalal, Andy Mizsak, Matthew Reeve, Albert Finn, Alan Parker, James Smith, 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, Shirley Manning, Albert Zak, Joseph Homa, Joanne Stewart, Anthony Sava...



In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him." As you give your monetary gift to our Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are suffering.

Latin America – El Salvador Collection

The Latin American Collection is January 25/26, 2020. This is the only appeal made by the Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It is the main support for two Diocese of Cleveland priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission Office. This appeal also makes a contribution to the Church in Latin America that is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America. An envelope is included in your January/February packet.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

January 12, 2020

Weekly Collection \$3,747.50
 Envelopes used 157
 Comfort the Needy \$235.00
 Repairs & Maintenance \$647.00

Special Collections

Solemnity of Mary-\$10; All Saints-\$1; Christmas-\$75; Diocesan Assessment-\$55; Catholic University-\$2.

MASS COUNT

OLH: 4pm—113; 11am—128; Total—241
 STM: 4pm—146; 9:15am—130; Total—276

Thank you for your generosity!!

IT'S TAX TIME ONCE AGAIN

Please send a copy of my 2019 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 stamp we would appreciate it.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The First Sunday in Ordinary Time is always the Baptism of the Lord which ends the Christmas Season. We might think of time as being precious, or in short supply, or as going to slow, but most of us would not say that time is ordinary. If anything, time is extraordinary. Depending on when Ash Wednesday falls, the winter slice of Ordinary Time can be four to eight weeks long. This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 26th so Ordinary Time will last for the next six weeks. During Ordinary Time, the Church explores the mystery of Christ in its fullness rather than focus on one particular aspect of his life as we do during Advent, Christmas Time, Lent, the Paschal Triduum, and Easter Time.



As we begin Ordinary Time, the Gospel focuses on the call of the first disciples and the radical demands of true Christian discipleship. After Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist, he began his public ministry and called the first disciples. By the merits of our baptism, we are called to evangelize and to grow in our relationship with the Lord. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* devotes many pages to the Sacrament of Baptism: articles 1213-1284. Baptism gives a person sanctifying grace that enables them to believe in God, to hope in Him, and to love Him through the theological virtues. Baptism gives a person the power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit through the gifts of the Spirit, and baptism allows us to grow in goodness through the moral virtues (CCC 1266). May the Spirit of our baptism burn brightly within us as we begin this new year, and may we cooperate with the grace of the Holy Spirit as we follow Jesus' command to evangelize the world.

Christ's peace, Father Joe

VAPING AND THE EFFECTS

Vaping—The action of inhaling and exhaling the vapor produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device: there is concern that young people may take up vaping as a less harmful alternative to smoking. Please join us on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Monica Church in St. Benedict School Cafeteria, 13623 Rockside Road, Garfield Hts. The presenter is Dr. Humberto Choi who will speak about Vaping and the effects, dangers and health risks that this entails. Call 216-662-8685 to register.



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for our **4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 22nd, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Social Hall. Tickets are: Adults-\$10; Children-\$5. The menu is: Spaghetti with meatballs and/or sausage; salad with dressing; dinner rolls; desserts; coffee & beverages. There will also be Chinese Auction Baskets and 50/50

Raffle. We will begin selling tickets the weekend of February 1st & 2nd in the Narthex after weekend Masses.

We are also in need of workers for the Spaghetti Dinner—from selling tickets, decorating, serving, etc. Please check out the Sign-Up Sheets in the Narthex and see what you can do to help us!!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King Day.

REVERSE RAFFLE

Maple Heights Knights of Columbus #5106 is sponsoring a Reverse Raffle on Saturday, February 8th, at St. Andrew's Church, 16029 Maple Park Drive, Maple Hts. Main prize is \$500 plus 8 winners of \$30 each. Dinner at 8:00 p.m. Open bar from 6:00 to 11:30 p.m. Donations are \$35 per person. For tickets call Tom Thompson at 440-582-9599.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Monday, January 20th, the United States honors Dr. Martin Luther King. Take some time to read the pastoral letter against racism issued by the Catholic bishops of the United States called, *Open Wide Our Hearts*. The letter is a powerful invitation for all the people of God to "face courageously the vice of racism, ... reach out generously to the victims of this evil, to assist the conversion needed in those who still harbor racism, and to begin to change policies and structures that allow racism to persist." At usccb.org/racism, you can read the entire letter, get new resources and find ideas for how we can respond.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Martin Luther King Day—Parish Office Closed.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

SVDP Food Pantry open, 3-4:30pm at OLH.
Cub Scout Mtg., 6:30pm in School.
Boy Scout Mtg., 7pm in Scout Room.

