

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!
February 18, 2018 - First Sunday of Lent

Pastoral Administrator: Father Ken Fortener, 104 Church St., New Hope, KY. 40052, 502-549-5559
Baptisms/Matrimony: Contact Father Ken (weddings call at least 6 months before the date)

MASS SCHEDULES

St. Ann's	St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday morning – 8:30 am	Mon.Tues.Wed – 8:00 am
Friday morning - 8:30 am	Saturday evening – 4:00 pm
Sunday morning - 10:00 am	Sunday morning - 8:00 am
Confessions - 6:00 pm 4 th Thurs.	Confessions – 3:15 pm 1 st Sat. of the month

MASS INTENTIONS/LITURGICAL ROLES (February 19-25, 2018)

Mon. Feb. 19 8:00 am Special intention **Tues. Feb. 20 8:00 am** People of the Parishes
Wed. Feb. 21 8:00 am People of the Parishes

Sat. Feb. 24 4:00 pm Anna Rose Morris; Hubert & Clara Donahue; Audrey Bernice Masterson;
Shorty & Elizabeth Gribbins;

Sun. Feb. 25 8:00 am Tommy, Mary & William Linton

Sat. Feb. 24

Lector: volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Gant, Jane Sims, Kathleen Burba Mary Lee Bray, Anna Burd, Kevin Mattingly

Sun Feb. 25

Lector: Norine Masterson

COLLECTIONS

February 4 & 11, 2018: \$3747.00 collection; \$20.00-parish center; \$100-CSA

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*Lent is not a Season of Guilt, since Lent is not simply closed in on itself. Rather, the ultimate focus of Lent is reading ourselves ready for the Easter Event or Happening. Hence, it is a Season of Opportunity. It is a Season of Growth. It is a Season for the reflection on the fact that Life is about God and not about me. It is a Season about reflecting on the first of twofold commandment that Jesus put forth in Matthew. Or to properly answer Jesus' question in John's Gospel: "Do you love me more than these?" Yes, it is a Season of Penance and of purging ourselves of every thing that is getting in the way of our relationship with Jesus, so we can fully embrace the Risen Lord, who is our Divine Lover this Easter Day of April 1ST. That is why the ultimate focus of Lent is not Lent or penance, but the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Our acts of abstaining from meat, fasting, almsgiving and prayer are simply the tools the Church gives us to complete our journey and to arrive at the Easter Event properly disposed to embrace the Risen Lord. I will pray for you during this Season of Lent that you may grow ever closer to Christ the Risen Lord. Peace,
Father Ken*

CHURCH CLEANER /SACRISTANS: Church cleaners for **FEBRUARY** are Jennifer Bartley & Karen Thomas.
Volunteers are needed as Sacristans.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Our religious education classes will meet this Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 pm.
CONFIRMATION MEETING with parents at 7:00 pm this Wednesday also. Confirmation is Tuesday, April 10.

PRAYER PARTNERS: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy. . ." Philippians 1:3-4 Don't forget your prayer partner this week!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: We'll have Stations of Cross on Fridays through Lent at 5:00 pm (except on Good Friday.)

OUR FISH FRY! Purchase fish dinners at the New Hope Food Mart during Lent. Save your receipt and drop it in the collection basket and we will redeem it for a donation to the Church. Thank you, Father Ken

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION: This weekend we will take up the annual Black & Indian Mission Collection. Your donations help fund parish-based catechetical programs, support teacher and catechist professional development, encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please be generous.

ST. THOMAS WINTERFEST: All invited to St. Thomas' festival **Saturday, February 24.** Mass is at 4:00 pm; a pork chop supper will be served from **5:00-7:00 pm**; trivia games begin at **7:00 pm**, \$5 a person and prizes will be awarded; 5555 Raffle (\$5,000; \$500; \$50; \$5) Drawing @ 8:00 pm. #0568

CASINO NIGHT: St. Catherine Academy is hosting a Casino Night on March 3rd, St. Catherine Academy Gym, 7:00 pm-midnight. Tickets are available for \$25, which includes 2 drink tickets, light dinner, transportation (within 10 miles), and DJ entertainment. Texas Hold 'Em, Blackjack, Roulette, Beat the Dealer, Pull tabs, electronic tabs, and much more. The Texas Hold 'Em buy in is \$50, which will need to be purchased in advance. We do not plan to have tickets available the day of the event, so purchase in advance before they run out! Call the office at 502-549-3680. License #0124.