

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

Rev. Anthony J. Generose, Pastor

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## Most Precious Blood Church

Rectory Office (570) 454-8714

Fourth & Seybert Streets, Hazleton, PA 18201

Saturday Evening Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. Mon - Wed

Holy Day Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day: 6:00 p.m.



## Our Lady of Grace Church

Rectory Office (570) 454-8797

750 North Vine Street, Hazleton, PA 18201

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Domingos: 10:00 a.m.

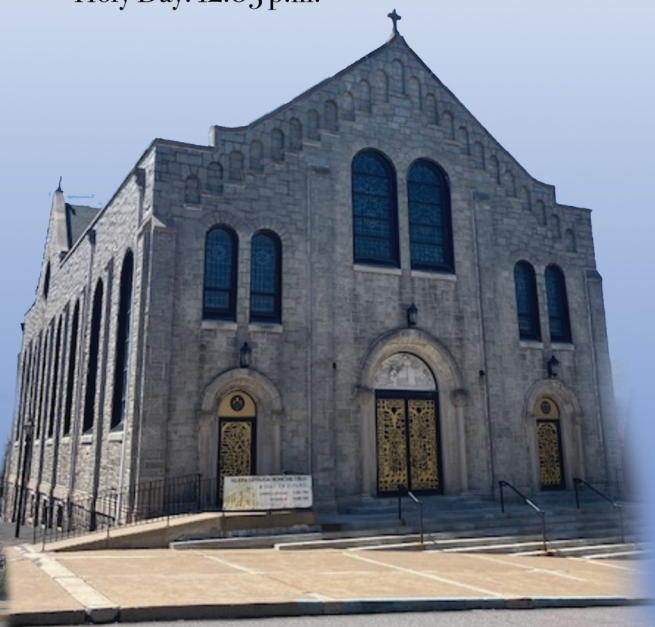
Daily Mass: Thursday and Friday 12:05 p.m.

En Español: Lunes, Martes, Jueves, y Viernes - 7:00 p.m.

Miércoles: 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 12:05 p.m.



**Confessions:** are heard every Saturday in English at 2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Most Precious Blood and 1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace, or anytime by appointment. Confesión en Español: Jueves: 5:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m. y Sábado: 2:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m. en Ntra. Sra. De la Gracia.

**CCD Classes:** are held every Sunday morning from 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Most Precious Blood.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** In order to properly prepare for marriage, it is expected that the couple contact the pastor before making other arrangements for the wedding. This initial contact should be at least one year prior to the desired date of marriage.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at Our Lady of Grace at 1:00 p.m., and at Most Precious Blood immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, which parents and Godparents are expected to attend. You must be a registered member of Our Lady of Peace Parish. Godparents must be baptized Catholics who are practicing their faith. Expectant parents are required to receive instruction before the baptism of their child. If you are expecting a child in the next six months, please contact the parish office to register for this instruction.

**Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor:** It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis).

To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



## SAINT JOSEPH VOCATION MINISTRY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. Joseph Vocation Ministry** - Our next Vocation Ministry meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory. We will discuss Priesthood Sunday and Trunk or Treat. Please call the parish office for more information.

**The St. Joseph Vocation Ministry** will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at a time to be announced in the church hall. Please mark your calendars and come join us for a fun filled event!

**Worldwide Priesthood Sunday** is being observed on September 28, 2025 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Packets for the will be sent home on September 13 for our CCD Students to color and write something for Father Generose and all Priests for their dedication and hard work in their parishes. If your child attends Parochial School and would like to participate, please call Carol at the Rectory office at (570) 454-8714 during regular office hours so that we may get them the packets as well. A social will follow in the church hall with plenty of food, games, and fellowship.

Please plan on attending with your children.

#### **Weekend Masses - August -September Rosary Schedule**

8/30 - Sharon Turse	8/31 Gloria Clement
9/6 - Mahers	9/7 - Conlins
9/13 - Loretta Sabo	9/14 - Kilners
9/20 - Maureen Franzosa	9/21 - Leskoskys
9/27 - Bards	9/28 Molinos

#### **OUR LADY OF PEACE GOLF TOURNAMENT**

A golf tournament to benefit OLP Parish will be held September 7, 2025 (Rain date September 14, 2025) at Mountain Valley Golf Course. The tournament is a Captain and Crew format with a shotgun start at 9 am (registration 8:30 am). The cost is \$90 per person or \$360 per foursome. Cost includes entry to all events, 18 holes of golf and golf cart, refreshments, dinner and a chance to win various prizes. A raffle will be held, as well as a skins game and mulligans. To register, please call Fr. Generose at 570-454-8797.

#### **Fatima Statue Schedule**

August 31 to September 6th Rocco and Elaine Mussoline

September 7th to September 13th Catherine Smolinsky

September 14th to September 20th Charlie and Pattie Craig

September 21st to September 27th Florence Hayden

#### **Bread & Wine Offering August 2025**

Mary Jane & John Barkanic

by Family

#### **Sponsorship Opportunities at Our Lady of Peace Parish**

Supporting the life and ministries of our parish involves many ongoing costs. We invite parishioners and friends to consider sponsoring one of the following needs:

##### **Postage for Bulletin Mailings**

Each month, donations help cover the cost of mailing the parish bulletin to shut-ins and those residing in senior care homes. Sponsors are gratefully acknowledged for their generosity.

##### **Feast Day Flowers for the Altar**

Sponsoring flowers for special feast days is a beautiful way to enhance our worship space and honor significant celebrations in the Catholic calendar. These offerings remind us of the joy we share on days dedicated to Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Those days include The Presentation of the Lord, Ascension of the Lord, Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, The Assumption, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, All Souls Day and the Immaculate Conception.

##### **Bread and Wine Offering**

Monthly contributions to the cost of bread and wine used during Mass are recognized in the bulletin. This is a meaningful way to participate in the sacramental life of the parish.

##### **Pascal Candle**

Once a year, the parish purchases a new Pascal Candle for use during Easter, funerals, and other special liturgical celebrations. Sponsorship helps maintain this important tradition.

##### **In Loving Memory Dedications**

Parishioners and friends may dedicate a space in the back of the bulletin in memory or in honor of a loved one. These remembrances offer comfort and recognition within our faith community.

**Beautifying Molino Park** - A plan exists to beautify Molino Park. The area includes from around the Monsignor Molino statue up to Seybert Street. Trees of various types will be planted, including arborvitae, boxwood, hostas, juniper, a dwarf maple tree, mountain mints, Rehny Hydrangea, rose bushes and rose spireas. Would you consider a donation in memory of a loved one, or just because you love the park, to help defray the costs of the landscaping?

All sponsorship opportunities are open to members and friends of the parish, and each act of giving is met with gratitude and acknowledgment in our parish bulletin. Please call the parish office for more information (570) 454-8714.



## PASTOR'S REFLEXIÓN CORNER DEL PASTOR

Querida familia, Bendiciones a todos.

La primera lectura nos habla con gran determinación, con un Espíritu totalmente ajeno a lo que el mundo nos dice y trata de que hagamos. Lo primero que nos pide es actuar con humildad, ya que esta es la llave, que nos abre todas las puertas y que nos pone a un por encima del hombre con poderío, que por mucho que De, sino lo hace con humildad y amor. Ni los hombres lo amaran, y ni ante Dios, estará dando gloria.

Es por eso necesario, que cada vez, que quieras practicar la generosidad, no lo hagas con orgullo, porque estás permitiendo, que la maldad se arraigue en el corazón. Somos hoy testigos como el propio Señor Jesús, se encontró con una situación, que sigue tan actual, donde la gente se acerca, te observa y escucha, pero no para hacer el bien, sino totalmente para hacerte el mal. Porque tienen un propósito que es destruirte, como todo servil, para quedar bien con su amo. Hasta en la iglesia sucede, muchos van para criticar y no para crecer y aprender a servir.

Nosotros tenemos que reconocer y agradecer el lugar que Dios nos ha dado. No como la experiencia del evangelio el día de hoy. Que buscaban los primeros puestos. Porque sufrían la necesidad de ser admirados. Pues en el criterio de ellos, se sentían que eran Luz, que tenían que ponerse en lo alto. Pero la verdad, que, en vez de iluminar, mejor provocaron tinieblas o sobras por lo menos.

Pues Dios tiene un lugar, donde nos quiere tener a nosotros. Dando los frutos de los cuales nos ha previsto con su gracia. Así que nos quede claro, en la mesa de Dios, cabemos todos. No solo tus padres, hermanos, amigos. Sino aquellos que muchas veces a lo mejor voluntaria o involuntariamente no los hemos aceptado. Cuando las cosas no las hacemos desde la voluntad y caridad, todo lo reclamamos, nada es gratis. Por eso el Señor propone, la condición es simple, no invites a los que te puedan pagar o retribuir, sino a los que, de verdad, solo puede agradecer, orar, pero no correspondrán, materialmente.

Y concluye el Señor, que retribuirá, en la resurrección de los Justos y repito, en la resurrección de los justos. Así que no comamos ansiedades. Ya que lo que el Señor retribuirá, no se miran con los ojos ni lo tocarás con las manos de barro. Sino en la resurrección, donde lo único que vas a encontrar en la resurrección será lo que hayas hecho y dado con amor, porque todo lo que has guardado se quedará.

ALABADO SEÁ JESUCRISTO EL SEÑOR.

## REV. RAFAEL O'FARRIL. ASSISTANT PASTOR/ OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH



Dear family, blessings to all.

The first reading speaks to us with great determination, with a spirit totally foreign to what the world tells us and tries to make us do. The first thing it asks of us is to act with humility, since this is the key that opens all doors and puts us above men of power, who, no matter how much they give, do not do so with humility and love. Neither will men love him, nor will he be giving glory before God.

That is why it is necessary that every time you want to practice generosity, you do not do so with pride, because you are allowing evil to take root in your heart. Today we witness how the Lord Jesus himself encountered a situation that is still so relevant today, where people approach you, observe you, and listen to you, but not to do good, but entirely to do you harm. Because they have a purpose, which is to destroy you, like all servants, in order to look good to their master. Even in church it happens; many go to criticize and not to grow and learn to serve.

We must recognize and be grateful for the place God has given us. Not like the experience of the Gospel today. They sought the highest places. Because they suffered from the need to be admired. In their opinion, they felt they were Light, that they had to be placed on high. But the truth is that, instead of illuminating, they caused darkness or at least shadows.

God has a place where he wants us to be. Bearing the fruits that he has planned for us with his grace. So let us be clear, at God's table, there is room for all of us. Not only your parents, siblings, and friends. But also, those whom we have often, perhaps voluntarily or involuntarily, are not accepted. When we do not do things out of goodwill and charity, we demand everything, nothing is free. That is why the Lord proposes a simple condition: do not invite those who can pay or repay you, but those who can only truly thank you and pray but will not reciprocate materially.

And the Lord concludes that He will reward us with the resurrection of the righteous, and I repeat, in the resurrection of the righteous. So let us not be anxious. For what the Lord will reward cannot be seen with the eyes or touched with the hands of clay. But in the resurrection, where the only thing you will find in the resurrection will be what you have done and given with love, because everything you have kept will remain.

PRAISE BE TO JESUS CHRIST THE LORD.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The parish office provides services including pastoral care, liturgical planning, business, communications and administrative support and outreach support. The parish facilities are available to Ministries through reservation by contacting the church office at (570) 454-8714.

### **BECOME PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

To join our esteemed church community, please visit our website at [olpphazleton.org](http://olpphazleton.org), navigate to the 'Newcomers' section, and select 'Register.' Alternatively, you may obtain a registration form from the church office and submit the completed form either at the office or in our mailbox located on the 4th Street side of the building. Please be advised that even if you have received all your Sacraments at Our Lady of Peace Parish, if you are over the age of 18 and wish to remain a parishioner, it is necessary to become a registered member. If you have been away for any length of time and wish to return, the process is straightforward. You may either register online at [olpphazleton.org](http://olpphazleton.org) or contact the rectory by phone at (570) 454-8714.

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOME-BOUND:** call the church office at (570) 454-8714. For those in danger of death and in need of Anointing of the Sick call (570) 861-8094.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Remember the less fortunate. Your donation for our food pantry helps those in need. Canned vegetables, fruit and meat, cereal, tuna, etc., are first distributed to parishioners in need; the extra is given to the families of Catholic Social Services. Place your donation in the baskets in the vestibule of the church.

**CLEAN:** It is important that we all do our part in keeping our church clean and tidy. Please make sure to dispose of any trash properly and refrain from leaving tissues or gum behind. By working together, we can ensure that our church remains a welcoming place for everyone to worship.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AMBO** Bulletin inserts must be submitted via email at least 12 days before the Sunday of the publication. If your Ministry wants to make an announcement at Mass, you must contact the parish office to get permission. –Mary Maher, Bulletin Editor, [olpphazleton@gmail.com](mailto:olpphazleton@gmail.com)

### **Many thanks for your generosity as we strive to meet our expenses Aug. 24, 2025**

Offertory	\$8,991.00
Dues	1,610.00
Loose	837.00
Church improvements	729.00
Utilities	182.00
Diocesan assessments	50.00
Assumption	161.00
MdM Envelope	121.00
Candles	75.00
Care & Education of Priests	40.00
Total	\$12,796.00



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**The Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated by appointment on Sundays. Expectant parents must be registered, active members of Our Lady of Peace Parish for at least six months. If you are expecting a child within the next six months, please contact the parish office.

**El Sacramento de Bautismo** Se celebrará el 1er. Y 3er Domingo de cada mes. Cursillos prebautismales los segundados domingo de cada mes Contactar a: Eddy Galvez (570) 599 - 0746 NOTA: Primero enviar mensaje.

**Childrens Closet** - The Children's Closet will be open on Wednesday from 12:45 until 1:30 P.M. If you have any questions, please call Linda at the rectory 570-454-8797.

**The VOICE of JOHN Ministry** will host a bus trip to the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday September 22nd. We will be leaving from the upper lot of St John Bosco Church at 8:30 A.M., (immediately after 8:00 a.m. Mass). Return is at about 4 P.M. Cost of the bus is only \$20. To reserve your seat, contact Maryann at 570-788-JOHN (5646).

**Inicio de nuestra Catequesis:** Domingo 14 de Septiembre 2025 Basement del Templo del Templo de Nuestra Señora de la Gracia. 8:30 am

**BREAKFAST CLUB** ~ Please join the parish breakfast gathering which will be held on Monday, September 8th, at 8:30 A.M. at Perkins. There is no need to sign up, just come to the meeting. All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend.

**Our Lady of Grace Church** – Every Thursday after 12:05 p.m. Mass – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered until 7:00 p.m. that evening.



**Mass Intentions Most Precious Blood Church****Saturday, August 30th Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary****4:00 pm † Michael Pcolinsky by Wife & Daughters****Sunday, August 31st 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time****Fr. Jim Paisley 40th Anniversary Priesthood****10:30 am † Jim & Irene Paisley by Family****Monday, September 1st****8:00 am † Mary Farace by Cynthia & James Orlando****Tuesday, September 2nd****8:00 am † Ed Harry, Sr. by Ed & Carol Harry****Wednesday, September 3rd St. Gregory the Great****8:00 am † Carmella Turse by Anella Beltrami &****Family****Saturday, September 6th Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary****4:00 pm † Elizabeth "Betty" Russell by Jean & Terry****Trovitch****Sunday, September 7th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time****10:30 am † Mary Tranguch by Lunch Ladies****Lector Schedule Most Precious Blood Sept. 2025****Saturday****8/30 – Rosina****9/6 – Steve****9/13 – Sharon****9/20 – Donna****9/27 – Carol****Sunday****8/31 – Melissa****9/7 – Julia****9/14 – Jean****9/21 – Melissa****9/28 – John****Mass Intentions Our Lady of Grace Church 9/4-9/7****Thursday: Angela Capece ~ Mr. and Mrs. Neil Oberto****Friday: Nancy Tranguch ~ Kowalski and Vozar Families****Saturday: Sally A. Heaney ~ Bette Jacobs****Sunday: Cecelia DiSabella ~ Mr. and Mrs. David Rondash****Lector Schedule Our Lady of Grace September 2025****Saturday 5:30 p.m.****9/6 – John Kulig****9/13 – Tony Fadule****9/20 – Rich Roman****9/27 – Mary Kulig****Sunday 8:00 a.m.****9/7 – Richard Barrett****9/14 – Rich Roman****9/2 – Mary Kulig****9/28 – Richard Barrett**


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**Masses are scheduled one month in advance. Please call the rectory of the church you would like your Mass said at the beginning of September for Masses in October.**

**Most Precious Blood (570) 454-8714 or Our Lady of Grace (570) 454-8797. Thank you.**

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<b>Tabernacle .....</b>	<b>† Georgeann Yamona Motto.....</b>	<b>Nancy Gentle</b>
<b>Tabernacle .....</b>	<b>† Alfred Mitcho .....</b>	<b>Family</b>
<b>Sanctuary .....</b>	<b>† Ed Harry, Sr. ....</b>	<b>Carol &amp; Ed Harry</b>
<b>Sanctuary .....</b>	<b>IHO Father Jim Paisley. 40th Anniversary - Priesthood.....</b>	<b>Clemie</b>
<b>Sanctuary .....</b>	<b>† Mary Lee Yamona Mumaw .....</b>	<b>Mom &amp; Uncle Tony</b>
<b>Sanctuary .....</b>	<b>† Leo &amp; Rose Tomaselli .....</b>	<b>Clemie &amp; Anthony</b>
<b>Sanctuary .....</b>	<b>IHO Virginia Ciotola .....</b>	<b>Clemie &amp; Anthony</b>
<b>Sanctuary .....</b>	<b>IHO Marian Piccione.....</b>	<b>Clemie</b>
<b>Sanctuary .....</b>	<b>† Michael Pcolinsky .....</b>	<b>Wife &amp; Daughters</b>
<b>Sanctuary .....</b>	<b>† Carmen Durso, Jr. ....</b>	<b>Family</b>



**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** ~ Will be held on Friday September 5, 2025 at Our Lady of Grace Church starting at 11 A.M. with a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament followed by mass at 12:05 P.M.



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**Pope Leo XIV** has expressed deep concern for the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, calling on the global Catholic community to respond with mercy and solidarity. Parishes in the Diocese of Scranton are holding a special collection to support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), which are providing vital emergency aid, medical care, and relief to those suffering in the region. Our parish will take up this special collection this weekend, August 30 – 31, 2025. Despite staggering challenges, Catholic Relief Services and its partners have reached 1.7 million people in Gaza since 2023 with food, shelter, water, sanitation, and hygiene support. Please be generous!

**On Saturday, September 27th**, the Diocese of Scranton will be hosting our annual Diocesan Youth Rally, located at Notre Dame Junior/Senior High School in East Stroudsburg, PA. This event is for students in grades 7 through 12. The Rally will be from 1:30-8pm, with check-in beginning at 12:30pm. The theme for this year's Youth Rally is Anchored in Hope, taking its inspiration from Jeremiah 29:11-12 in Scripture. The day will consist of prayer, music, Adoration, keynote speakers, Mass, and community. To sign up, please reach out to your parish Youth Minister or Director of Religious Education. The deadline to sign up is September 12th. We hope to see you there!



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