

# 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: 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.

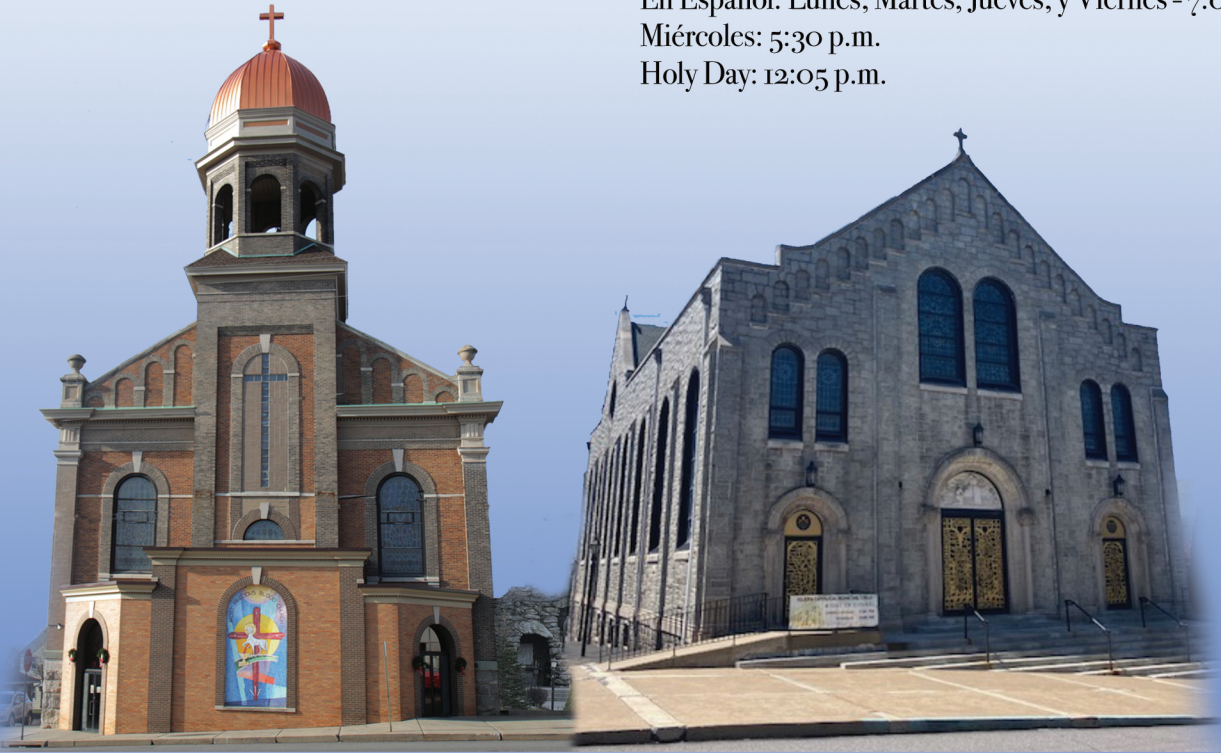
Domingos: 10:00 a.m.

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: 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** The next meeting of the Vocation Ministry will be held on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the rectory. Topics to be discussed are the MdM & Sts. Of Cilento feast, Priesthood Sunday and a Holy Hour in September. There will be no August meeting. Anyone wishing more information about this beautiful ministry, please call Carol at the parish office (570) 454-8714.

**Get Involved** St. Joseph Vocation Ministry offers numerous ways for you to get involved and contribute to our mission: - Host St. Joseph in your home for a weekly visit - Pray the Rosary with the parish - Pray the Rosary at home. Attend our monthly meetings for prayer and inspiration to help grow vocations to the consecrated life.

### St. Joseph Statue

If you are interested in inviting the St. Joseph Statue into your home to pray for vocations a sign up sheet is available in the vestibule of the church on the Vocation Ministry table. Please sign up for the week you wish to welcome St. Joseph into your home.

### St. Joseph Statue Schedule

July 4 - 11 Bards  
 July 11 - 18 Mahers  
 July 18 - 25 DiLisios  
 July 25 - Aug. 1 Blanche Shenosky & Tom Shenosky

### St. Joseph July Rosary Schedule

July 11 Sharon Turse      July 12 Conlins  
 July 18 Terese Gentileco      July 19 Leskoskys  
 July 25 Maureen Franzosa      July 26 Compostors

### Fatima Statue Schedule

July 12 to 18 Sam and Maureen Franzosa  
 July 19 to 25 John and Chris Leskosky  
 July 26 to August 1 Bob Rizzo

**The choir will be returning on Friday evening** July 10th at 6:00pm to begin rehearsing for the feast of the Madonna Del Monte on August 9th. Rehearsals usually last only 45 minutes. As a new parish family, if you enjoy music and want to have some fun you are invited to join our Lady of Peace choir. Both men and women are wanted and no musical knowledge is needed. For more information please call Rocco Arruzzo, Choir Director at (570) 404-4631 or Danny DeMelfi, accompanist at (570) 436-0624.

**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:

**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. Dates for 2026 are:  
 July 16 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
 Sept. 8 - Nativity of the B.V.M.  
 Sept. 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
 November 1, 2 - All Saints & All Souls  
 Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception

**Bread & Wine for 2026.** Since the inception of the Church, it has been traditional for congregants to contribute bread and wine for the celebration of Mass. Those interested in supporting this meaningful practice are encouraged to contact the parish office. Opportunities for donations are available from January to December.

*Bread & Wine for July*  
 Neal Graziano by Wife, Pat

**Contact the parish office at 570-454-8714** if you wish to support ongoing beautification efforts. Continued help is vital for Molino Park's success.

### 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.

**Holy Family Academy**, 601 North Laurel St., Hazleton is looking for 2 Elementary school teachers. Please email [finance@holyfamilyacademy.info](mailto:finance@holyfamilyacademy.info) or call 570-455-9431.

**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)

**E'GIVING** for more information or to sign up for Online Giving, visit our website [www.olpphazleton.org](http://www.olpphazleton.org) And click on the "Give Online" link. You may also scan the QR code with your smart phone to be directed to our website.



**Many thanks for your generosity as we strive to meet our expenses**

	June 28, 2026
Offertory	\$5,323.00
Dues	1,071.00
Loose	432.00
Utilities	95.00
Church improvements	428.00
Diocesan Assessment	110.00
Father's Day	72.00
Candles	71.00
MdM Sponsors	250.00
Peter's Pence	476.00
Care & Education of Priests	147.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,475.00</b>

**Glasses in the Garden – August 6, 2026**

Join Providence Pregnancy Center and Casa de Maria Maternity Home for an unforgettable evening at beautiful Stone Meadow Gardens in Clarks Summit. Enjoy chef-inspired appetizers and hors d'oeuvres by State Street Grill, wine and bourbon tastings, live jazz, and an exciting silent auction, all while supporting local mothers and babies in need.

Thursday, August 6 | 6:00–9:00 PM

Stone Meadow Gardens, Clarks Summit

Every ticket helps provide safe shelter, compassionate care, and vital resources through Providence Pregnancy Center and Casa de Maria Maternity Home.

For tickets and event details, visit our website or scan the event QR code.



**Our Lady of Grace News and Announcements**

**El Sacramento de Bautismo Se celebrará el 1er. Y 3er.**

Domingo de cada mes. Cursillos prebautismales los segundoss domingo de cada mes Contactar a: Eddy Galvez (570) 599 - 0746 NOTA: Primero enviar mensaje

**CHILDREN'S CLOSET** ~ The Children's Closet will be open on Wednesday from 12:45 to 1:30. If you have any questions, please call Linda at the rectory 570-454-8797.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** ~ Please Join the parish breakfast gathering which will be held on Monday July 13th (please note this is the second Monday in July) at 8:30 AM at Perkins. Following breakfast and prayer, open discussion about the faith will be held. All parishioners and friends of the parish are welcome to attend.



**Mass Intentions Most Precious Blood Church**

**Saturday, July 4th Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 4:00 pm † Richard Angelo by Louis & Sharon Turse

**Sunday, July 5th 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:30 am † Elizabeth Russell by Richard & Peggy Notaro  
 & Michael A. Mussoline by Son, Michael

**Monday, July 6th St. Maria Goretti**  
 8:00 am † Mary Tranguch by Nancy Kowalick  
 & Special Intention by A Friend

**Tuesday, July 7th**  
 8:00 am † Mary Swartz by Jean & Sal DeFazio

**Wednesday, July 8th**  
 8:00 am † Robert Brandt by MdM Sodality  
 & † Maurice Usiak by Sister, Bernie

**Saturday, July 11th St. Benedict**  
 4:00 pm † Paul Collura, Jr. by Wife, Antoinette  
 & † Jean Ann Shimanski by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Dolmin

**Sunday, July 12th 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:30 am Birthday Blessings Jeffrey Leskosky by  
 Leskosky & Layton Families

**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.

**Mass Intentions Our Lady of Grace Church**

**Thursday, 7/9: Dorothy Cipriano ~ The Family**

**Friday, 7/10: Gloria Cheslock ~ Mitchell Family**

**Sat. 7/11: Sue Cervasio ~ Karen & Steve Sofranko  
 & Sally A. Heaney ~ Husband**

**Sun. 7/12: Rita Kopashy ~ Gerald & Marian Chunko & Family**

**Lector Schedule Our Lady of Grace**

July 11 Donna Durso	July 12 Mary Kulig
July 18 John Kulig	July 19 Carol Bard
July 25 Melissa Lomax	July 26 Rick Barrett
Aug. 1 Mary Kulig	Aug. 2 @ 1:00 p.m. Rick Barrett & Tony Fadule

**Lector Schedule Most Precious Blood**

Saturday	Sunday
July 11 Sharon LaRose	July 12 Alizon Conlin
July 18 Rosina Generose	July 19 John Leskosky
July 25 Donna Durso	July 26 Julia Hinkle

**The next Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham will be Thursday, July 16th at 7PM. Fr. Christian Ekeh will preside, and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45PM. Come and see. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643 or email at rgstagg@frontier.com

**Scheduling Mass Intentions.** Masses are scheduled one month in advance. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one or a special intention in August please contact call at the beginning of July. To schedule a Mass at Most Precious Blood, please call (570) 454-8714. For Masses at Our Lady of Grace, contact (570) 454-8797. Thank you for your cooperation.

**We are able to honor two intentions at each Mass.** This means that both your intention and another individual's intention may be announced by Father at the beginning of the service and appear in the bulletin.

**MPB Candles.....For.....By:**  
 Sanctuary ..... † Anna Gentle..... Nancy Gentle  
 Saint Joseph Candle ..... H&B Jeffrey Leskosky ..... Leskosky & Layton Families



**REV. ANTHONY GENEROSE**  
PASTOR

The Madonna del Monte and the Saints of Cilento Festival will be held on the grounds of Most Precious Blood church with festival food and activities on August 7th and 8th and the Mass with procession on August 9th. The festival will offer us all a ray of hope following the closing Mass of Our Lady of Grace church the weekend before. As a new parish devoted to Our Lady of Peace, we venerate the faith of our ancestors with all the religious traditions they passed on to us. Keeping their faith traditions alive is now our task as we face the challenges of our day. But we do so mindful of the promise of hope their faith and ours possess which is union with our patronal saints in the beatitude of heaven with Mary and her Son, Jesus. Indeed, the Saints honored on that weekend originate in the same region of Italy called Cilento. The following statues will be carried on floats in the procession. MADONNA DEL MONTE—is a sanctuary dedicated to the Blessed Mother near the town of Novi Velia in the Cilento region of Italy. The tradition began with meek shepherds who wished to have the blessed Mother's presence near them to protect them and for them to venerate her. Many pilgrims visit the Shrine today and emigrants from Cilento established their devotion to her in the cities of Clifton, N.J. and in Hazleton.

**SAINT MAURO, ABBOT**—Born in 510 AD and died 584 AD. Saint Mauro was a spiritual son of Saint Benedict and abbot of Monte Cassino when the pope asked him to take companions to France to establish the Benedictine Order there. Saint Mauro is celebrated in the town of Saint Mauro La Bruca in the region of Cilento and is known for many miracles of healing.

**SAINT NAZARIUS**—Saint Nazarius is venerated in the town of Saint Nazarius in the Cilento region. Not much is known of him except that he was born around 10 AD, was a student of Saint Peter and Baptized by Pope Saint Linus. He was a zealous preacher of the faith and a witness to Christ as a martyr of the Early Church.

**SAINT ANIELLO**—was born in Naples in the 6th century and was a Basilian monk and later an Augustinian Friar. He is venerated in towns of the Cilento region and best known for defending Naples from a Lombard invasion on which occasion he carried a flag of the cross aboard a ship during the battle to save the city.

Also, families from both parish churches are invited to carry their family Cinti in the procession. Please call the parish office at 570-454-8714 to inform us of your intention to do so.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**  
**REFLEXIÓN DEL PASTOR**

**REV. RAFAEL O'FARRIL**  
ASSISTANT PASTOR



Querida familia de Nuestra Señora de la Paz: En este Décimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, la Palabra de Dios nos presenta un mensaje lleno de esperanza para quienes se sienten cansados, heridos o agobiados por las luchas de la vida. El profeta Zacarías anuncia la llegada de un rey diferente: no un conquistador poderoso según los criterios humanos, sino un rey humilde que entra montado en un asno y que trae la verdadera paz. Dios no salva por medio de la fuerza, sino por medio de la mansedumbre, la cercanía y el amor. Su reinado no destruye al ser humano, sino que lo restaura y lo reconcilia. San Pablo, escribiendo a los Romanos, recuerda que los cristianos no estamos llamados a vivir según los impulsos egoístas de la carne, sino según el Espíritu de Dios que habita en nosotros. El mismo Espíritu que resucitó a Cristo de entre los muertos es el que da vida nueva a nuestros corazones. La fe cristiana no consiste simplemente en cumplir normas externas, sino en permitir que Dios transforme desde dentro nuestros pensamientos, decisiones y acciones.

En el Evangelio, Jesús eleva una oración de alabanza al Padre porque los misterios del Reino son revelados a los sencillos y humildes de corazón. No son la autosuficiencia ni el orgullo los que abren la puerta a Dios, sino la actitud humilde de quien reconoce su necesidad de Él. Después, el Señor dirige una de las invitaciones más conmovedoras de toda la Escritura: "Vengan a mí todos los que están cansados y agobiados, y yo los aliviaré".

Muchos llevan cargas pesadas: preocupaciones familiares, enfermedades, heridas del pasado, problemas económicos, soledad o incertidumbre. Jesús no promete una vida sin dificultades, pero sí promete caminar con nosotros. Su yugo es suave porque Él lo lleva junto a nosotros; su carga es ligera porque su amor sostiene nuestras debilidades.

Este domingo somos invitados a preguntarnos: ¿Estoy permitiendo que el Espíritu de Dios transforme mi vida? ¿Busco a Cristo con humildad o confío demasiado en mis propias fuerzas? ¿Qué cargas necesito poner hoy en las manos del Señor?

Que María, Nuestra Señora de la Paz, nos enseñe a vivir con un corazón sencillo y confiado, para experimentar el descanso y la paz que solamente Cristo puede dar.

Padre Rafael O'farril Bermúdez González

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*The Madonna del Monte & Saints of Cilento Festival  
News and Announcements*



*Saints of Cilento Statues in the Madonna del Monte & Saints of Cilento Festival procession 2025.*

**The Madonna del Monte & Saints of Cilento Festival** will be held August 7–9. We are seeking donations of large cans of tomato sauce, 12-pack soda cans, bottled water, foil, parchment paper, sturdy plates, napkins, towels, and cutlery. A \$25 sponsorship for food is very helpful—any donation is appreciated.

**If any family would like to adopt a Cinti (Candle House)** for the Madonna del Monte Festival this August, or would like to walk with the Cinti, please call the parish office at (570) 454-8714 or Jayne Stefanovich at (570) 455-2649.

#### **Festival Tricky Tray Donations Needed!**

Help make our festival Tricky Trays a success! We welcome donations of cash, gift certificates, Basket of Cheer items, small appliances, children's toys, and lottery boards. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory office. Please call the rectory for details.

**Tricky Trays for the Feast** may be dropped off at the rectory during regular business hours M–Th 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### **Basket of Cheer Donations Welcome!**

A festival favorite! Suggested donations include Spirits – Wine – Specialty beverages – Sparkling cider – High-quality chocolates – Artisanal cookies – Gourmet popcorn – Savory nuts

Thank you for your generosity and support!

#### **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

Would you like to volunteer for our annual festival? This will be our 127th year celebrating the Madonna del Monte and the Saints of Celento festival. You will have the opportunity to volunteer your time, talent and treasure by helping our parish in one of our most beloved events! Bakers, cooks, fry cooks, runners, organizers and planners are needed. Please see further bulletin notices for times and dates to help out!

**If you have any pictures or memories** you would like to share of the Madonna Del Monte Festival that we may post to the website or share in the bulletin, please email them to [olphazleton@gmail.com](mailto:olphazleton@gmail.com).

#### **SUMMER ADULT BIBLE STUDY: THE MIRACLES OF JESUS**

Fr. Christian, the Associate Pastor of St. John Bosco Parish, will again offer a Summer Bible Study for all adults. It will be held on Tuesdays for five weeks. (July 14, 21, & 28 & August 4 & 11.) There will be a choice of a morning session (9:15-10:45 am) or an evening session (6:30-8 pm.) Sessions will be held in classroom# 3. Plan to participate and feel free to invite family and friends who want to learn more about the Bible.

The theme will be selected MIRACLES of Jesus and their message. The sessions are free of charge. All that you need to bring is your Bible and an open mind and heart. Registration is suggested so enough materials may be prepared. Call the Parish Office this week to register at 570-788-1997, EXT 3 and give your name and cell phone number.

**Saint John Bosco Church in Conyngham** will hold a Vacation Bible Camp, entitled: "Rainforest Falls" beginning on Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31, from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. This is open to all children ages 4 through those entering 5th grade in September. Registration is now open! Families may register children or sign up to volunteer at:

[vbspro.events/p/71cda4](https://vbspro.events/p/71cda4). Throughout the week, they will grow in faith, build friendships, and learn what it means to be deeply rooted in a relationship with their Creator - our refuge and safe place through every storm of life. You may also call the Youth Faith Formation Office at 570-788-1997, Ext 6, to register or to receive a registration form.

**The L. J. Ferdinand Malvern Retreat Group** will hold its annual retreat on July 10-12 at the Malvern Retreat House. The group has been hosting retreats for over 80 years and includes men from our parish. New retreatants are always welcome and are encouraged to join them. Contact Captain John M. Nonnemacher (570-788-1012) or John Leskosky (570-956-9871) for more details .



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