

Our Lady of Peace Parish

Rev. Anthony J. Generose, Pastor

Rev. Rafael O'Farril Bermudez Gonzalez, Assistant Pastor

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

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750 North Vine Street, Hazleton, PA 18201

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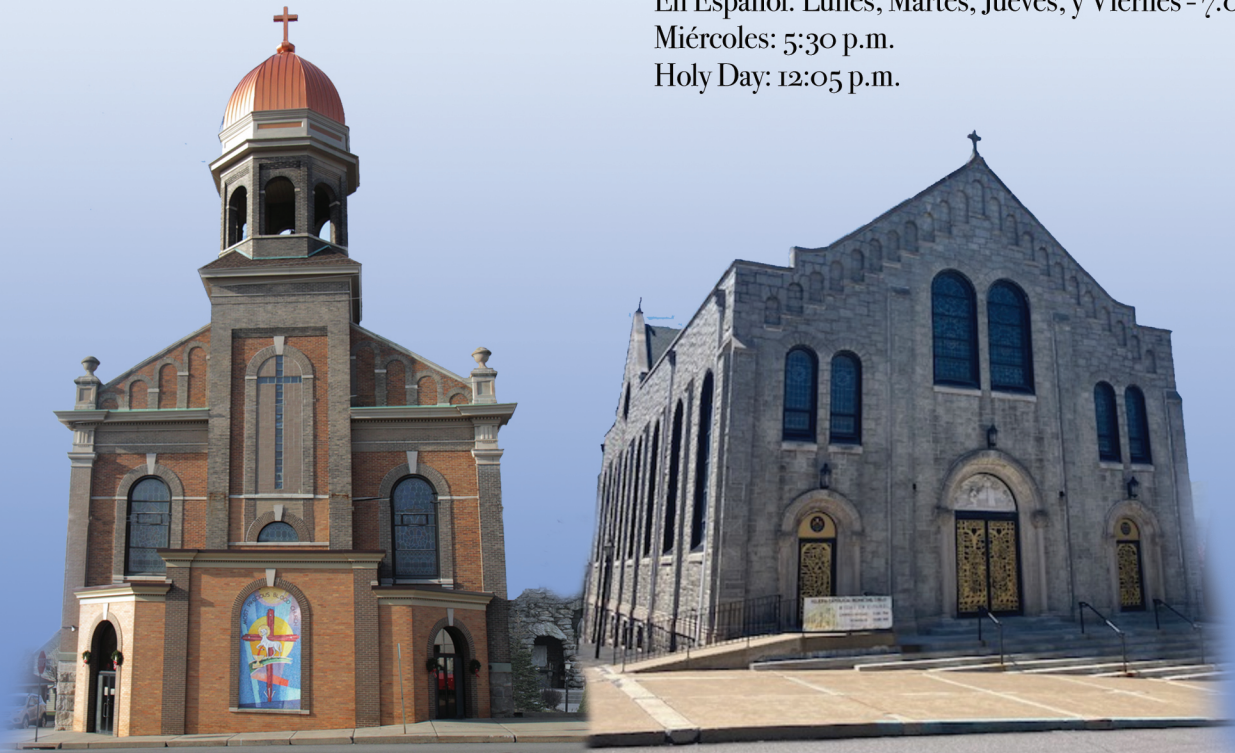
Domingos: 10:00 a.m.

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.

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 St. Joseph Vocation Ministry meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Weekend Masses December Rosary Schedule

12/20 Maher 12/21 Leskosky
12/27 Maureen Franzosa 12/28 Conlins

2026 Sign-up sheet for St. Joseph Statue will be 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.

Marian Catholic High School Open House

Sunday, January 25th, 1:00-3:00 Come meet our staff, explore our classrooms, and discover the programs that make our school so special. RSVP to Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment, mmilosh@marian-catholics.org or 570-467-3335 ext. 116

St. Joseph Statue December Schedule

December 21 – December 28 Rosina Generose
December 28 – January 4 Bards

If you are interested in inviting the St. Joseph Statue into your home to pray for vocations, a sign-up sheet is in the back of the church or call the rectory at (570) 454-8714.

Fatima Statue Schedule

December 21 to December 27 Bernadette Martoccio
December 28 to January 3: Geri Scaran

A Family of our parish needs help: In the early morning hours of December 2, 2025, a young family of our parish survived a devastating house fire. We thank God that the family got out safely. The trauma of losing everything you have and treasure increases exponentially when it happens at this time of the year. We stand with this family supporting them with our prayers. But we can easily and most effectively help them through the hardship by remembering them when we're shopping at the grocery store or at the box stores by getting a gift card so they can purchase clothes and food. Just drop the gift card in the collection and we will be sure to pass them along swiftly. Thank you so much for your generous compassion!!

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.

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:

Feb. 2 - Presentation of the Lord
May 14 - Ascension of the Lord
June 7 - Corpus Christi
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 Offering December 2025

Henry & Marie Toth

by Son, Henry & Wife, Linda & Family

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.

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.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goals: CMA2025 Goal: \$68,275.00

Total Committed: \$58,513.28

% to Goal: 85.70%

Balance to Achieve Goal: \$9,761.72

Rebates: Total Received (Cash): \$57,928.28

Over/Under (Cash): -\$10,346.72

Expected Rebate: \$0.00

**REV. ANTHONY GENEROSE
PASTOR**


“Jesus is the reason for the season.” Yes, but who is Jesus? Amazingly, believers as well as those who have not yet come to believe need reminding every year. The birth of Jesus of Nazareth is the birth of the Christ!

During the first several weeks of Advent the readings of Mass recount the prophets’ anticipation of the coming of the Christ. From December 17th until December 24th, the Mass readings provide the scriptural/historical evidence of the fulfilment of those prophecies. Beginning with the genealogy of Matthew’s gospel, the Christ’s origins are traced back to David the King of Israel, and to Abraham, the father of faith. On December 18th, Matthew’s gospel recounts how Joseph was involved in the birth of the Christ beginning in an encounter with the angel who confirmed Mary’s child is of God’s doing. The gospel narrative in Luke’s gospel on December 19th recounts Zachariah’s encounter with the angel who tells him his barren wife will conceive John the Baptist; the very one who would fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah as the voice in the desert proclaiming the immediate coming of the Christ. On December 20th, Luke’s narrative of the Annunciation gives direct evidence of God’s intervention in the coming of the Christ through his human mother, Mary. The gospel of Luke continues on December 21st and December 22nd with the episode of Mary’s visitation to her cousin Elizabeth; two women now involved in God’s plan to send the Christ meet and confirm one another’s special role in the plan of salvation. On December 23rd, Luke’s narrative of the birth of John the Baptist, confirms his special role as the private encounter of Zachariah with the angel is made public when his mute tongue speaks the name of “John” to the community. Finally, on December 24th, Zachariah’s canticle of praise in the gospel of Luke is proclaimed as further evidence that the God, who struck Zachariah mute for disbelief, has rewarded his faith in the freedom to praise God.

Jesus is the reason for the season because the son of Mary, is the Son of God. As the scriptural evidence suggests, his coming was not a private event. The coming of the Christ heralded by the prophets has come into the world as testified by those who really had some difficulty coming to this conclusion themselves. We should not be discouraged if we feel some lack of faith. That’s a moment we ought to trust even more.

Para obtener una traducción al español, visite nuestro sitio web, <https://www.olpphazleton.org/PastorsCorner>

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


“Dios con nosotros: acoger, creer y obedecer”

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Llegamos al umbral del misterio. El Adviento culmina no con ruido ni explicaciones, sino con un signo silencioso: Dios decide habitar nuestra historia. La Palabra de este cuarto domingo nos introduce en el corazón de la fe cristiana: Dios no se queda distante, entra en nuestra fragilidad. En la primera lectura, el profeta Isaías anuncia un signo que supera toda lógica humana: “La virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, y le pondrá por nombre Emmanuel”. No es un milagro espectacular para impresionar, sino un signo humilde para quien sabe confiar. Dios no impone su presencia; la ofrece. El Emmanuel no llega para dominar, sino para acompañar, para quedarse, para caminar con su pueblo incluso en medio del miedo y la incertidumbre.

San Pablo, al iniciar la carta a los Romanos, nos recuerda que este Niño no es una idea ni un símbolo: es Jesucristo, Hijo de David según la carne, constituido Hijo de Dios con poder. En Él se unen la historia humana y la iniciativa divina. La fe cristiana no nace del esfuerzo del hombre por llegar a Dios, sino del movimiento de Dios que sale al encuentro del hombre. Por eso, creer no es solo aceptar una doctrina, sino abrirse a una relación que transforma la vida. El Evangelio nos presenta a José, un hombre justo que vive uno de los combates interiores más profundos del Adviento. Ante lo incomprensible, José no reacciona con dureza ni con huida, sino con silencio, discernimiento y obediencia. Cuando acoge la Palabra de Dios, incluso sin entenderlo todo, se convierte en custodio del misterio. José nos enseña que la verdadera fe no elimina las dudas, pero sí decide confiar.

Este cuarto domingo nos invita a revisar cómo estamos esperando al Señor. ¿Desde el control o desde la confianza? ¿Desde el miedo o desde la disponibilidad? Dios sigue buscando corazones capaces de acoger su presencia, no desde la perfección, sino desde la humildad.

A las puertas de la Navidad, la Iglesia nos recuerda que el Emmanuel sigue naciendo allí donde alguien se atreve a decir “sí”, donde se protege la vida, donde se obedece a Dios antes que al temor. Dios está con nosotros, no como promesa lejana, sino como presencia viva que pide ser recibida.

Que en estos últimos días del Adviento aprendamos, como José, a creer sin condiciones, a obedecer sin reservas y a acoger sin miedo al Dios que viene a habitar nuestra historia.

For a translation in English please visit our website, <https://www.olpphazleton.org/PastorsCorner>

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, 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 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

Many thanks for your generosity as we strive to meet our expenses December 14, 2025

Offertory	\$10,133.00
Dues	1,094.00
Loose	136.00
Church improvements	67.00
Utilities	195.00
Diocesan assessments	271.00
Fuel	251.00
Candles	64.00
Thanksgiving	115.00
Christmas Flowers	585.00
Christmas	690.00
Immaculate Conception	424.00
Solemnity	15.00
Retirement for religious	456.00
Care & Education of Priests	180.00
Total	\$14,676.00



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Most Precious Blood Choir Spreads Holiday Cheer at Laurel Mall Performance to Be Broadcast on Sam Son TV Throughout the Christmas Season For those who missed the live performance, there's no need to worry. The concert was professionally recorded and will be aired on SSP TV beginning Friday, December 19th. Viewers can tune in to Channel 13 or 513 HD to catch the broadcast, which will run throughout the Christmas season. This television special offers the perfect opportunity for families and friends to enjoy our choir's performance from the comfort of their homes.

Our Lady of Grace Church 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.

Childrens Closet - The Children's Closet will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday December 21st AND Wednesday December 31st. If you have any questions, please call Linda at the rectory 570-454-8797.

Donations of diapers and gently used children winter coats ~ The Children's Closet is in need of diapers and gently used children's winter coats and jackets. If you have any questions, please call Linda at the rectory 570-454-8797.

Christmas Memorial Candles at Our Lady of Grace Cemetery Chapel:

Mr. & Mrs. Peter DiSabella by Mauro & Mary DiSabella
Mr. & Mr. Gerald Licurgo by Mauro & Mary DiSabella

**Mass Intentions Most Precious Blood Church****Saturday, December 20th Advent Weekday****4:00 pm † Kevin VanBlargan & Mary Lou Combella**
by Family**Sunday, December 21st 4th Sunday of Advent****10:30 am † Adeline Kasarda** by Larry & Ethel Tarone
& James Clement by family**Monday, December 22nd Advent Weekday****8:00 am † Joseph Leotilo** by Children & Grandchildren**Tuesday, December 23rd St. John of Kanty****8:00 am † Joseph Scalleat** by Louis & Sharon Turse**Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve****4:00 pm † Anastasia DeFazio** by Mom & Dad**Thursday, December 25th Christmas Day****10:30 am † Pro Pupulo** by MPB Staff**Saturday, December 27th St. John the Apostle & Evangelist****4:00 pm † Fr. Maurice Raymond and John Russell**

by Sal & Jean DeFazio and Children

Sunday, December 28th The Holy Family**10:30 am † Ferrari Family** by Joanne Franzosa

& Dennis Cool by Rosella Shepherd

Lector Schedule Most Precious Blood Dec. 2025

Saturday

Dec. 20 Sharon LaRose

4:00 Christmas Eve

10:30 a.m. Christmas Day

Dec. 27 Steve Kichka

Sunday

Dec. 21 John Leskosky

Melissa Lomax

John Leskosky

Dec. 28 Alison Conlin

Mass Intentions Our Lady of Grace Church 12/24-12/28**Wednesday: Mass for the People of the Parish 4 P.M.****Christmas Vigil Mass****Thursday: Mass for the People of the Parish 8 A.M.****Christmas Day****Friday: Richard Wersinger ~ Aunts Mary, Rose, Martha, & Janie****Saturday: Robert Kolarick ~ Martha and Angela****Sunday: Benito Tranguch ~ The Breakstone Family**

& Nancy Tranguch ~ Molly Blasko

Lector Schedule Our Lady of Grace Dec. 2025

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Dec. 20th: Tom Kassock

Dec. 21st: Mary Kulig

4:00 Christmas Eve

Tom Kassock

8:00 a.m. Christmas Day

Susan Generose

Dec. 27th: Tony Fadule

Dec. 28th: Richard Barrett

Christmas Gift Pickup Instructions for MPB Lectors & CCD Teachers

Lectors and CCD teachers are invited to pick up their Christmas gifts this weekend following all scheduled Masses. Due to ongoing maintenance in the sacristy, the gifts will be available in the cleaning room. To locate the cleaning room, enter the sanctuary and use the door on the left side, which is situated to the left of the altar.

OLP Parish Christmas Calendars are available in the vestibule of the Church. Please take one per family. We would like to thank Fierro Funeral Home and Moran Funeral Home for graciously sponsoring our Christmas calendars this year!

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 February, please contact the rectory office of the church at the beginning of January. 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.

Mass Intentions Policy Update. Previously, only one intention could be accepted for each day's Mass. However, we are now 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.

Candles MPB.....For.....By

Tabernacle.....† Joseph Leotilo.....Children & Grandchildren

Saint Joseph Candle† Kevin VanBlargan & Mary Lou Combella ...Mom & Dad & Clete & Family

Candles OLG.....For.....By

Sanctuary† Richard Roman.....The Volunteers of the Children's Closet

Sanctuary† William PoprocMary Jo & Pete Quinn

Sanctuary.....† Domenica PoprocMary Jo & Pete Quinn

Sanctuary.....† Christina MatzMary Jo & Pete Quinn

Sanctuary† Robert KolarickMartha & Angela

**Our Lady of Peace Parish at
Most Precious Blood & Our Lady of Grace Churches
2025 Christmas Flowers Memorials**

In Loving Memory of:

MaryLou Combellack
Bill Crooks
Leon A. Cussat
Rita Dietrich
Marie & Genaro Frask
William & Theresa Gentile
My Little Bella Donna George
George J. Hayden, Sr.
Vincent Hermany, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hunsinger
Francis Jacketti
Stephen Jeskie
Mr. James Johnson
Pedri & Jones Family
Carmella Kichka
Charles & Mary Kukowski
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaRose
Peggy & Michael LaRose
Mr. Gregory Leh
Dr. Lin
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Louis Mariano, Jr.
Jennie, Rocco & Joe Martoccio, Sr.
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Alfred & Geraldine Mitcho
Dennis R. Moore, Sr.
Anthony Parnell Family
Richard Piskel
Maureen Ryba
Albert & Marie Salvaterra
Ron & Mary Angie Schell
Edward T. Shamany
Deacon Louis Smolinsky
Karen Smolinsky
Tombasco Family
Michael (Longy) & Katy Tranguch
Nancy & Benny Tranguch
Rosella Trago
Carmella Turse & Louis Turse, Sr.
Mary & Carmella Umbriac
Kevin VanBlargan
Yolanda & Jackie Veet
Aniello "Neil" Vicidomini
In Honor of:
Teresa Jacketti

Given by:

Clete & Jane VanBlargan
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Mrs. Dolores Cussat & Sons
Mark Dietrich
Mary Lomax
Carl & Terese Gentile
Mark Dietrich
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Vincent Harmany, III
Daughter-in-law, Lisa M. Jacketti
Daughter, Lisa M. Jacketti
Family
Gail LaRose DiGiacomo
Charles & Sharon Pedri
Steve Kichka
Carl & Terese Gentile
Gail LaRose DiGiacomo
Daughters, Sharon & Michele & Grandchildren
Wife, Lisa M. Jacketti
Sheena
Children
Mariano Family
Bernadette Martoccio
Florence Tranguch
Carl & Terese Gentile
Roberta Moore & Family
Susan Scholtz
Tombasco Family
Kathleen Wittig & Jeanette Wronowski
Bard Family
Tombasco Family
Wife, Bette
Wife, Catherine
Mom
Family
Florence Tranguch
Thomas, Florence, Kate & Ben, Jr. Tranguch
Darus Trego, Husband
Carol & Anthony Carrell
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Clete & Jane VanBlargan
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Daughter, Lisa M. Jacketti



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In Loving Memory of
Vincent Hermany Jr.
By Vincent Hermany III & Family

In Loving Memory of
Mary Tranguch
By the Blanche Shenosky Family

In Loving Memory of
John & Rose Conlin
by Conlin Family

In Loving Memory of
Albert & Marie Salvaterra
By Bard family

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By Wife & Son

In Loving Memory of
Stephen Jeskie
By Family

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Rev. Maurice &
Brother, Neil Raymond
By Maureen & Sam
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By Maureen & Sam
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In Loving Memory of
Peter & Carmella Aita
By Maureen & Sam
Franzosa & Family

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by Conlin Family

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