

# Our Lady of Peace Parish

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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.

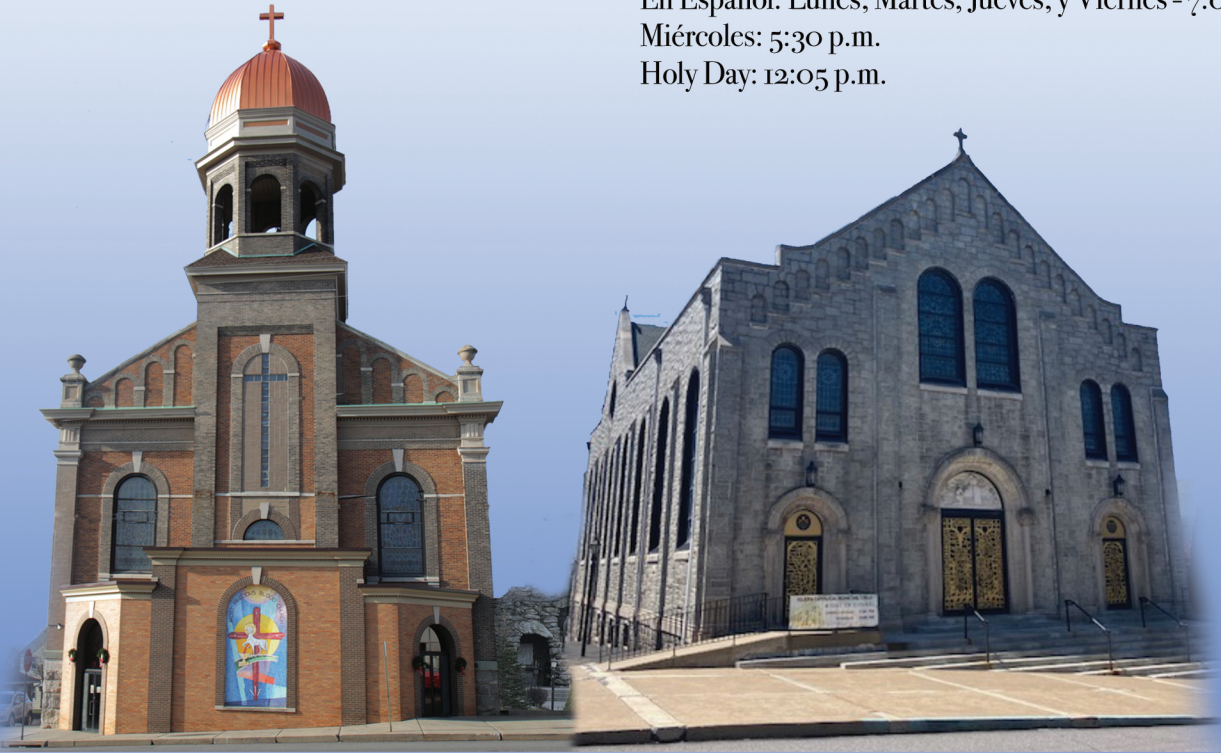
Domingos: 10:00 a.m.

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 News**

Our next meeting is Monday, June 1st, at 6:00 PM in the rectory. Those interested in joining the ministry may contact the rectory at (570) 454-8714 during business hours.

**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**

May 23 – 30 Angie Vito  
 May 30 - June 6 - Bards  
 June 6 - 13 - Geri Scaran  
 June 13 - 20 - DiLisios  
 June 20 - 27 - Kilners  
 June 27 - July 4 - Debbie Vito

**St. Joseph June Rosary Schedule**

May 23 Maureen Franzosa	May 24 Gloria Clement
May 30 Mahers	May 31 Leskoskys
June 6 – Terese Gentilesco	June 7 – Conlins
June 13 – Sharon Turse	June 14 – Molinos
June 20 – Loretta Sabo	June 21 – Kilners
June 27 – Sharon Turse	6/28 – Mary Beth Peckenschneide

**The Sodality will hold their annual picnic** this Tuesday, June 9th at 6 PM in the MPB church hall.

Veronica Dagostin will deliver the opening prayer & Refreshments provided as offered at the last meeting.

**Fatima Statue Schedule**

June 7 – June 13 – Rosemary Avillion  
 June 14 – June 20 – Gados Family  
 June 21 – June 27 – Joe and Diane Capece  
 June 28 – July 4 – Gloria Clement

**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

Flowers on the altar for the feast of Corpus Christi are

*In Memory of*  
*Anastasia DeFazio*  
 by Mom & Dad  
 & Special Intention  
 by Lauren DiLisio

**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 May:*  
*Albert & Marie Salvaterra by Pete & Carol Bard & Family*

**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.

**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)

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

May 31, 2026

Offertory	\$7,014.00
Dues	840.00
Loose	564.00
Utilities	20.00
Church improvements	50.00
Diocesan Assessment	105.00
MdM Sponsors	25.00
Father's Day	130.00
Ascension	78.00
Candles	95.00
Catholic Home Missions	14.00
Peter's Pence	5.00
Catholic Communications Campaign	15.00
Care & Education of Priests	61.00
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Total	\$9,016.00
Total E'giving May	\$3,549.00

**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.

**A new book by Shannon Marsyada**, "My Monsignor" has recently been released. It is the story of Msgr. Arthur Kaschenback, who in the 1970's was Pastor of St. Patick's in White Haven and later St. Mary's in Mount Pocono, PA. His later years he was in residence at Holy Hame of Jesus in West Hazleton. He touched many lives in his 76 years of service to our Lord. The book is \$15.00 with 100% of the proceeds going to the Diocese of Scranton Vocation Ministry. All orders must be pre-paid. Checks may be made payable to Our Lady of Peace Parish. Please bring the form below to the parish office during buisness hours to order books.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tele #: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Books: \_\_\_ @ \$15/book \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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.



**Mass Intentions Most Precious Blood Church**  
**Saturday, June 6th** *St. Norbert, Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 4:00 pm † **Richard Roman** by Pat & Jack Tomsho

**Sunday, June 7th** *Corpus Christi*  
 10:30 am † **Anastasia DeFazio** by Parents

**Monday, June 8th**  
 8:00 am † **Michael Sasso** by Michael Solon

**Tuesday, June 9th** *St. Ephrem*  
 8:00 am † **Joseph Carr** by Michael & Colleen Beltrami

**Wednesday, June 10th**  
**H&B Mary Ann Katrishen** by Family

**Sat. June 13th** *Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Anthony of Padua*  
 4:00 pm † **Bottley Family** by Gina & Albert

**Sunday, June 14th** *11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 10:30 am † **Frank Marino** by Daughter, Rosalie Adams

**Lector Schedule Most Precious Blood**

Saturday	Sunday
June 6 – Donna Durso	June 7 – Alison Conlin
June 13 – Rosina Generose	June 14 – John Leskosky
June 20 – Sharon LaRose	June 21 – Jean DeFazio
June 27 – Melissa Lomax	June 28 – Julia Hinkle

**Mass Intentions Our Lady of Grace Church**  
**Thursday, 6/11:** **Aniello Vicidomini** ~ Conlin Family

**Friday, 6/12:** **Joseph Motsuk** ~ The Family  
 & **George Bakos** ~ Thomas & Caroline Shemanski

**Sat. 6/13:** **Benito Tranguch** ~ Gerine & Ken Macunis  
 & **Nancy Tranguch** ~ Edwina Genetti & Family

**Sunday, 6/7:** **Mauro Cabell** ~ Angela Catarucchia

**Lector Schedule Our Lady of Grace**

June 6 – TBD	June 7 – Carol Bard
June 13 – Melissa Lomax	June 14 – John Kulig
June 20 – Mary Kulig	June 21 Rick Berrett
June 27 Sharon LaRose	June 28 – Mary Kulig

**CELEBRATE YOUR ITALIAN HERITAGE** by becoming a member of the Hazleton Chapter of UNICO National. UNICO is an Italian-American service organization dedicated to helping those in need in the community. Come and be part of our annual Bell'Italia Festival!! For more information, contact Danny De-Melfi, Membership Chairman, at 570-436-0624

**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.

<b>OLG Candles.....For.....</b>	<b>By:</b>
<i>Sanctuary Candle</i> ..... † <b>Joseph Motsuk</b> .....	<i>Family</i>
<b>MPB Candles.....For.....</b>	<b>By:</b>
<i>Tabernacle candle</i> ..... † <b>Joseph Marsicano</b> .....	<i>Francine Rutulo</i>
<i>Saint Joseph candle</i> ..... † <b>Kevin VanBlargan and † Mary Lou Combella</b> .....	<i>Family</i>
<i>Sanctuary candle</i> ..... <b>H&amp;B Mary Ann Katrishen</b> .....	<i>Family</i>
<i>Sanctuary candle</i> ..... <b>H&amp;B Robert Rizzo</b> .....	<i>Conlin Family</i>
<i>Sanctuary candle</i> ..... † <b>Louis &amp; Carmella Turse</b> .....	<i>Carol &amp; Tony Carrell</i>



**REV. ANTHONY GENEROSE**  
PASTOR

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

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



First may I say thank you for your generosity in support of the Missions this weekend! The sisters making an appeal in our parish churches stayed with us and we were delighted to have them as our guests. May God bless them in their ministry!

Second, the closing Mass at Our Lady of Grace church will occur on August 2, 2026. Our parish leadership team and I have begun to plan this liturgy which we hope will be memorable. The time for the closing liturgy has not yet been determined, but it is very likely to begin in the early afternoon of August 2nd.

When Bishop Calvosa from the Diocese of Vallo della Lucania visited us on May 2nd, he came to Our Lady of Grace church to see the church for himself. Bishop Calvosa was moved by its beauty. When I mentioned we would be closing the church, he was astonished. I imagine that's because they don't close churches in Italy. In any event, he asked two questions; the first being: what will become of all the sacred artifacts in the church? Perhaps you've wondered as much. Perhaps you also saw Fathers Jonathan Kuhar and Joseph Evancko talk about the same thing on Channel 28 news on Friday, May 29th. In short, we will keep artifacts we can use and venerate at Most Precious Blood church. As for the remaining articles, arrangements are made with religious goods dealers who catalogue all the items of a religious nature and then sell them to churches in need of religious goods. Sometimes other churches ask for items themselves. Such is the case with Our Lady of Grace. I have a religious goods dealer coming in July who will take inventory of the religious goods in the church and catalogue them. I've also been asked by area churches for statuary patrimony of Our Lady of Grace church. The important piece of this remains constant, that is, nothing may leave the church until the church is officially closed on August 2, 2026.

The other question Bishop Calvosa asked is what happens to the church building and other properties. In short, the church may be sold for "profane but not sordid use," and the rectory and former school may also be sold. As I have had several individuals express interest in purchasing the church and other properties, I think it only fair to have the properties appraised. I think obtaining a fair price is necessary considering the condition of the facilities. I have engaged the services of a realtor qualified to appraise commercial buildings and will have that appraisal in due time.

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

Solemnidad del Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

La solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo nos invita a contemplar uno de los dones más grandes que Dios ha entregado a la humanidad: la Eucaristía. No se trata simplemente de un símbolo o de un recuerdo piadoso, sino de la presencia real de Jesucristo que continúa alimentando, fortaleciendo y acompañando a su pueblo en el camino de la vida.

La primera lectura nos recuerda cómo Dios condujo a Israel por el desierto, permitiéndole experimentar la fragilidad, el hambre y la necesidad para enseñarle que el ser humano no vive solamente de pan, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios. También nosotros atravesamos desiertos interiores: inseguridades, cansancios, heridas, preocupaciones y búsquedas de sentido. Sin embargo, Dios no abandona a sus hijos. Así como alimentó a su pueblo con el maná, hoy nos alimenta con el verdadero Pan bajado del cielo.

San Pablo nos recuerda que el cáliz que bendicimos y el pan que partimos nos unen íntimamente a Cristo y también nos unen entre nosotros. La Eucaristía destruye el individualismo que tanto promueve nuestra cultura actual. Mientras el mundo impulsa el aislamiento, la división, el interés personal y la indiferencia hacia los demás, el altar del Señor nos reúne como una sola familia. Quien recibe verdaderamente a Cristo no puede permanecer indiferente ante el sufrimiento, la necesidad o la dignidad de sus hermanos.

En el Evangelio, Jesús proclama una verdad que sigue siendo desafiante para el hombre de todos los tiempos: "Yo soy el pan vivo bajado del cielo". Cristo no ofrece solamente una enseñanza; se ofrece a sí mismo. Su Cuerpo entregado y su Sangre derramada son alimento para la vida eterna. En una sociedad que busca llenar el vacío interior con el consumo, el éxito, el entretenimiento o el poder, Jesús nos recuerda que existe un hambre mucho más profunda: el hambre de Dios. Ninguna realidad humana puede saciar plenamente el corazón creado para Él. Cada Eucaristía es encuentro, alimento, sanación y compromiso. Al acercarnos al altar, el Señor fortalece nuestra fe, sana nuestras heridas invisibles y nos envía a ser testigos de su amor en medio del mundo. Que esta solemnidad renueve en nosotros el asombro, la gratitud y la reverencia ante el Santísimo Sacramento, para que alimentados por Cristo podamos vivir como auténticos discípulos y llevar su presencia a quienes más la necesitan. "Señor, danos siempre de ese Pan que da la vida eterna."

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



**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.

**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!

**Footsteps of Our Ancestors Walking Pilgrimage:**

The fourth annual Footsteps of Our Ancestors Walking Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, June 13, beginning at St. Mary's Church, 130 Rectory Road, Mocanaqua, and concluding at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 153 E. Main Street, Glen Lyon. The pilgrimage will begin with registration and an opportunity for Confession from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. A blessing of pilgrims will take place at 8:45 a.m., after which participants will depart for the seven-mile journey through the Mocanaqua Tract of Pinchot State Forest. Brief stops will be made at St. Adalbert's Cemetery and at the sites of the former St. Michael's and St. Adalbert's churches in Glen Lyon. Divine Liturgy will be offered at St. Nicholas Church at 12:30 p.m. or upon arrival of the pilgrims. Those who are unable to walk the pilgrimage route are welcome to attend the Liturgy. Lunch will be served, and bus transportation back to Mocanaqua will be available at 3:00 p.m. There is no cost to participate. Online registration is open at [www.tinyurl.com/foapilgrimage26](http://www.tinyurl.com/foapilgrimage26). Prayer requests or questions may be directed to Raphael Micca at 570-301-9253 or [foapilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:foapilgrimage@gmail.com). The pilgrimage will be held rain or shine; participants are asked to dress accordingly and modestly.

**Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal**

A representative of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary will be with us on the weekend of June 6 & 7, 2026. The community was founded in Ireland in 1924 to work with the women of Nigeria, West Africa. The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary are now an international community working in nine countries of Africa, and in Brazil. They serve in all forms of education, medical work, pastoral work, community development and agriculture and assisting trafficked women, internally displaced families and the homeless. They are a strictly missionary group with no institutions in the United States or Canada, so therefore rely almost exclusively on funds provided through the society for the Propagation of the Faith and the generosity of the people here to support their sisters on mission. The Sisters ask for your prayers of support as well as for any contribution you can make to assist them. You will be remembered in their daily prayer. If you would like to read more about the, their website is [www.mshr.org](http://www.mshr.org).



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