

# 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

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.

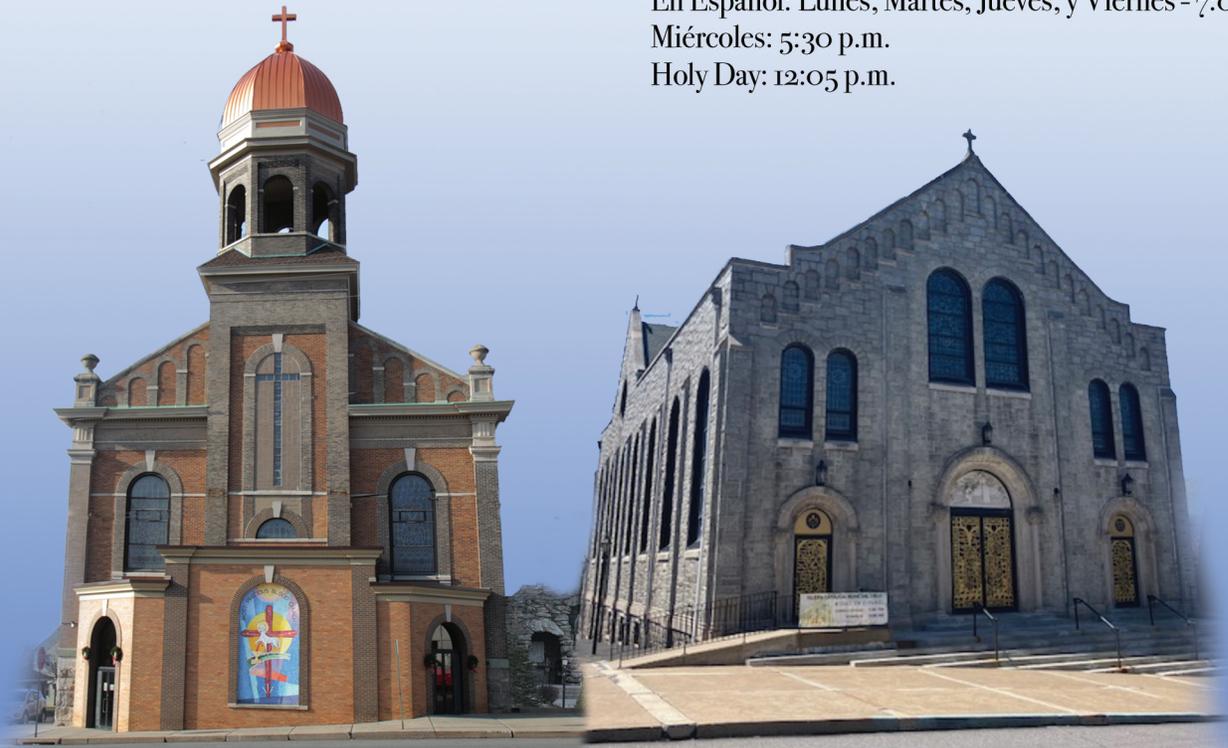
Domingos: 10:00 a.m.

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** will meet on Monday, Feb. 2 in the rectory at 6:00 p.m., weather permitting. Topics to be discussed are World Marriage Day, and St. Carlo Acutis weekend Friday, Mar. 6, 7 & 8. Anyone interested in joining this ministry, please call the rectory at (570) 454-8714 and speak to Carol.

**Weekend Masses February Rosary Schedule**

Feb. 7 Loretta Sabo	Feb. 8 Conlins
Feb. 14 Sharon Turse	Feb. 15 Leskoskys
Feb. 21 Terese Gentileco	Feb. 22 Compostos
Feb. 28 Maureen Franzosa	Mar. 1 Molinos

**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**

Jan. 31 – Feb. 7 Gerie Scaran  
 Feb. 7 – 14 Lauren & Joseph Dilisio  
 Feb. 14 – 21 Geri Scaran  
 Feb. 21 – 28 Veronica Dagostin  
 Feb. 28 – Mar. 7 – Geri Scaran

**Fatima Statue Schedule**

Feb. 1 to Feb. 7 James & Cynthia Orlando  
 Feb. 8 to Feb. 14 Allen & Diane Wagner  
 Feb. 15 to Feb. 21 Lilian & Dr. Generose  
 Feb. 22 to Feb. 28 Steve & Nicole Composto

**Monday, Feb. 2, 2026** is the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed and will be available for purchase throughout the week and through the weekend of Feb. 7th & 8th. Candles will be located in front of the church near the baptistry. Cost is \$4.00/box.



**GIVING** for more information or to sign up for Online Giving, visit our website [www.olphazleton.org](http://www.olphazleton.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.

**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.

**If you would like a copy of your OLP Parish contribution statement for tax purposes**, please contact the parish office at (570) 454-8714.

**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:

*Flowers for the Altar for the Presentation of the Lord are*

*In memory of:*

*Gene & Lucille Lucadamo by Children*

*E. Virginia Ciotola by Children & Grandchildren*

*Joseph Martoccio by Wife, Bernie & Family.*

*& In honor of:*

*Anonymous*

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 February 2026*

*Cosmo Tomaselli by Wife, Theresa.*

**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.

**Sodality Meeting, Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6PM.** Opening Prayer: Alison Conlin. Refreshments: Mary Lomax, Roberta Moore, Bette Shamany, Bernie Martoccio

**REV. ANTHONY GENEROSE****PASTOR**

The Word of God is living and efficacious. God's word speaks to every time and place and, if heard well, its effects are amazing. And what's equally amazing is how the Lord goes about achieving the desired effect. Take, for example, the passage today from First Corinthians. How have you heard it? One way to tell is by examining your thoughts and feelings upon hearing it.

Initially, Saint Paul's words did not make any appeal to my self-esteem. It's hard to hear that I'm not wise, powerful or of an elite status. Even more challenging is the notion that I might be considered foolish for my beliefs, weak in my position, and so, generally lowly and looked down upon. That got me to thinking, "Saint Paul surely didn't intend to put me down, did he?" Nope, he didn't. Buried in this small passage is a choice I must make, and you as well. Shall I measure my self-worth according to the standards of the world, or according to the values of my "calling" from the Lord, as Paul puts it? Am I just another dog in a dog-eat-dog world or is my own survival dependent upon lifting others up with me? Well, that depends upon how you and I hear Paul saying, "God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God." Boasting before God seems a very dangerous matter. Certainly, Jesus preached that by the way he lived. Not sure if being born in a stable or being an itinerant preacher living off the generosity of others and dying naked on a cross count for much. But I do know that Jesus put all his chips on being a man of his word backed up by his good will for others. I guess what I'm trying to say is that Jesus only wanted the best for everyone, especially those on a collision course with disaster, which is what anyone with a modicum of faith would know gambling with one's prestige before God. In short, the "calling" of a Christian is not about getting myself to heaven without doing my best to help others get there being a disciple of Jesus. How does that sound? How do you think and feel about that?

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

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

"Bienaventurados los pobres: el Reino es de ellos" (Sof 2,3; 3,12-13 / 1 Co 1,26-31 / Mt 5,1-12)

En un mundo que admira lo fuerte, lo brillante y lo exitoso, la Palabra de Dios de este domingo nos conduce hacia una lógica distinta: la lógica del Reino, donde lo pequeño no es despreciado, lo humilde no es invisible y lo frágil no es descartado. Hoy Dios nos revela que su salvación no se construye desde la arrogancia, sino desde la pobreza confiada, desde el corazón que no se presume suficiente, sino que se deja sostener. El profeta Sofonías anuncia una promesa que parece sencilla, pero es profundamente revolucionaria: Dios preservará un "pueblo humilde y pobre", un resto que no vive de la mentira ni de la violencia, sino de la verdad y la mansedumbre. No se trata solo de pobreza material, sino de una actitud interior: un corazón sin doblez, que busca al Señor, que no se defiende con orgullo, que no se impone con dureza, y que encuentra refugio en el Nombre de Dios. El profeta nos muestra que la esperanza de Israel no está en los poderosos, sino en aquellos que, en medio de la prueba, aprenden a confiar. San Pablo, en la Primera Carta a los Corintios, profundiza esta misma enseñanza: Dios no eligió a los "sabios" según el mundo, ni a los "poderosos" según la lógica humana, sino a lo que parece débil, pequeño y despreciado, para revelar que la salvación es gracia, no mérito. La comunidad cristiana no nace como un club de superiores, sino como una familia de rescatados. Por eso el apóstol proclama con fuerza: "El que se gloríe, que se gloríe en el Señor." La verdadera grandeza no consiste en tener más, sino en pertenecer a Cristo; no consiste en imponerse, sino en dejarse transformar por Él. La vida cristiana es un camino donde Dios nos enseña a vivir con humildad, porque solo el humilde puede recibirlo todo como don. En el Evangelio, Jesús sube al monte y proclama las Bienaventuranzas. No son una poesía bonita, ni una lista de frases consoladoras: son el retrato del discípulo, el mapa del Reino, la identidad de quienes han decidido vivir con Dios como centro. "Bienaventurados los pobres de espíritu" no significa resignación, sino libertad interior: el pobre de espíritu es aquel que no se aferra, que no se cree dueño de todo, que reconoce su necesidad de Dios. "Bienaventurados los mansos" no son los débiles sin carácter, sino los fuertes que renuncian a la violencia. "Bienaventurados los que lloran" no son los derrotados, sino los que conservan un corazón humano, capaz de compasión. "Bienaventurados los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia" son aquellos que no pactan con el mal, sino que buscan lo recto aunque cueste. Y "bienaventurados los perseguidos por causa de la justicia" son los que permanecen fieles cuando el mundo presiona para que renuncien a la verdad. Este domingo, el Señor nos invita a preguntarnos con sinceridad: ¿en qué estoy apoyando mi vida? ¿En mi imagen, en mi control, en mi orgullo, en mis seguridades... o en el Señor? Las Bienaventuranzas nos recuerdan que la santidad no es apariencia, sino coherencia; no es decir "Señor, Señor", sino dejar que Cristo modele el corazón. Pidamos al Señor la gracia de ser ese "resto humilde" del que habla Sofonías: una comunidad sencilla, limpia de corazón, sin engaño, sin soberbia, sin violencia. Que nuestra parroquia sea un signo vivo del Evangelio: un lugar donde los pobres son abrazados, los mansos son respetados, los que sufren son consolados, y la justicia es amada. Porque al final, la verdadera felicidad no es la que el mundo promete, sino la que Cristo regala: la alegría de pertenecer al Reino.

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**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**

	Jan. 25, 2026
Offertery	\$4,358.00
Dues	1,155.00
Loose	307.00
Church improvements	279.00
Utilities	67.00
Diocesan assessments	30.00
Fuel	57.00
Christmas	125.00
Initial	12.00
Solemnity	52.00
Sodality	10.00
Candles	136.00
Rice Bowl	20.00
Easter Europe	15.00
Retirement for Religious	5.00
Latin America	256.00
Care & Education of Priests	77.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,961.00</b>

*Our Lady of Grace News and Announcements*

**CHILDRENS CLOSET** ~ The Children's Closet will be OPEN on Wednesday. Please note, if schools are on a Delay or Closed, the Children's Closet will be closed also. If you have any questions, please call Linda at the rectory 570-454-8797.

**DONATIONS OF DIAPERS AND GENTLY USED CHILDRENS 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

**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

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS** ~ Will be held on Friday, February 6th starting at 11 A.M. with a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament followed by mass at 12:05 P.M.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** ~ Please join the parish breakfast gathering which will be held on Monday, February 2nd at 8:30 AM Perkin's. Following breakfast and prayer, open discussion about the faith will be held. All parishioners and friends of the parish are welcome to attend.

**2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** ~ Will be available beginning February 2, 2026 by calling Linda at Our Lady of Grace parish office 570-454-8797 from 8 AM until 12 NOON daily.



**Mass Intentions Most Precious Blood Church**  
**Saturday, January 31st St. John Bosco**  
 4:00 pm † **John Yanuzzi** by Family  
 & **Sue Cervasio** by Correia Family

**Sunday, February 1st 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:30 am † **Carmella Turse** by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bissol  
 & **Dana Orlando** by Family

**Monday, February 2nd Presentation of the Lord**  
 8:00 am † **George & Imelda Lawrence** by **Rose Urillo**  
 and **Gerald Pierotti** by **Sweda Family**

**Tuesday, February 3rd St. Blaise, St. Ansgar**  
 8:00 am † **Dolores Casserella** by **Patrice & James Bognet**  
 & **Rita Pilati** by **The Lunch Ladies**

**Wednesday, February 4th**  
 8:00 am † **Amelia Yacowatz** by **Susan, Mary, Melinda**  
 (Early Learning Center)

**Saturday, February 7th Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 4:00 pm † **Nico Botch** by **Mom**  
 & **H&B Anna & John Paisley** by **Sharon & Terese**

**Sunday, February 8th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:30 am † **Robert & Lanie Letcher** by **Bernie Martoc-**  
**cio** and **Mr. & Mrs. Sam Franzosa**

**Mass Intentions Our Lady of Grace Church 1/29-2/1**  
**Thursday, 2/5: Richard Roman** ~ The Family  
**Friday, 2/6 Lucia Famalette** ~ Family of Steven Makuta  
**Saturday, 2/7: William & Carol Manganeli** ~ The Family  
**Sunday, 2/8: Frank J. Wills, Jr.** ~ The Family

**Lector Schedule Our Lady of Grace Jan. 2026**  
 Jan. 31 Tony Fadule Feb. 1 May Kulig  
 Feb. 7 Susan Generose Feb. 8 John Kulig  
 Feb. 14 Tom Kassoock Feb. 15 Rick Barrett  
 Feb. 21 TBA Feb. 22 Susan Generose  
 Feb. 28 Mary Kulig March 1 Rick Barrett

**Lector Schedule Most Precious Blood January 2026**  
 Saturday Sunday  
 Jan. 31 Carol Bard Feb. 1 John Leskosky  
 Feb. 7 Rosina Generose Feb. 8 Alison Conlin  
 Feb. 14 Sharon LaRose Feb. 15 Julia Hinkle  
 Feb. 21 Donna Durso Feb. 22 Jean Defazio  
 Feb. 28 Steve Kichka Mar. 1 John Leskosky

**Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2026** is the Feast of St. Blaise. There will be a general blessing of throats at all weekend Masses. Throats will also be blessed at 8:00 a.m. Mass at MPB on Tuesday morning.

**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 March, please contact the rectory office of the church at the beginning of March. 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 Our Lady of Grace.....For.....By**  
 Sanctuary..... † **Sue Ann Cervasio.....Volunteers of the Children's Closet**

**Most Precious Blood Candles**

**Candles.....For.....By**  
 Tabernacle..H&B **John & Anna Paisley..Sharon & Terese**  
 Tabernacle..H&B **Rev. Louis Grippe.....Clemie**  
 MdM.....†**Donna George.....Mark Dietrich**  
 Sanctuary..†**Dana Orlando.....Family**  
 Sanctuary..†**Dana Orlando.....Family**  
 Sanctuary..†**Anthony Tomaselli.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary..†**Leo & Rose Tomaselli.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary..†**Cosmo Tomaselli.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary..†**Joseph Yamona.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary..†**Mary Lee Yamona Mumaw.....Mom**  
 Sanctuary..†**Joel Anthony Mumaw....Grandmother, Clemie**  
 Sanctuary..†**Theresa Krash.....Clemie**

**Candles.....For.....By**  
 Sanctuary ..H&B **Virginia Ciotola.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary ..H&B **Roberta Moore.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary ..H&B **Carol Hoppy.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary ..H&B **Anna Marie Fellin & Tom.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary..H&B **Netta Lonsetta.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary ..H&B **Bill & Cynthia Kilner.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary ..H&B **Bob & Janice Ganc Moisey.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary ..H&B **Mark Kapes.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary ..H&B **Mark Dietrich.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary ..H&B **Nancy Skuba.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary ..H&B **Ronnie Bonin.....Clemie**  
 Sanctuary ..H&B **MdM Members & Friends.....Clemie**

**Krispy Kreme Fundraiser**

Order Form: 1 dozen Original Glazed Doughnuts \$12.00/dozen. Delivered fresh, Sunday, February 15, 2026  
 Pick-up: 10AM to 2PM in the Church Hall. All orders must be pre-paid and submitted by February 8, 2026

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Number of dozens \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out this slip & place with money(check) into the collection basket or mail to the church rectory, or you can use the QR Code above to pay with a card. Checks payable to MPB Church. Please note: doughnut sale on memo line. Benefits the Madonna del Monte Sodality. Any inquiries call Jayne: (570) 401-0066 or Millie: (570) 401-6756



**OLP Parish Lenten/Easter Food Order Form**

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

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out this slip & place with money(check) into the collection basket or mail to the church rectory. Checks payable to Our Lady of Peace Parish. If you would like to order online or pay by card, please use the use the unique QR Codes to the right of each date.

**Deadline for Ash Wednesday Sale: FEBRUARY 13**

Pickup Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Potato Cakes	Qty: ____ @ \$1.00 each	= _____
White Clam Chowder	Qty: ____ @ \$15.00/quart	= _____
Pasta Fagioa	Qty: ____ @ \$10.00/quart	= _____
Unbaked Pizza (9x13)	Qty: ____ @ \$12.00/pie	= _____
	Total:	\$ _____



**Deadline for Potato Cakes/Halushki /Pierogies: FEBRUARY 24**

Pickup February 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Potato Cakes	Qty: ____ @ \$1.00 each	= _____
Halushki	Qty: ____ @ \$10.00/quart	= _____
Pierogi & Onions	Qty: ____ @ \$12.00/quart	= _____
	Total:	\$ _____



**Deadline for Potato cakes/Clam Chowder/Unbaked Pizza: MARCH 9**

Pickup March 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Potato Cakes	Qty: ____ @ \$1.00 each	= _____
Red Clam Chowder	Qty: ____ @ \$15.00/quart	= _____
Unbaked Pizza (9x13)	Qty: ____ @ \$12.00/pie	= _____
	Total:	\$ _____



**Deadline for Potato cakes/Potato Soup/Unbaked Pizza : MARCH 15**

Pickup March 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Potato Cakes	Qty: ____ @ \$1.00 each	= _____
Potato Soup	Qty: ____ @ \$12.00/quart	= _____
Halushki	Qty: ____ @ \$10.00/quart	= _____
Unbaked Pizza (9x13)	Qty: ____ @ \$12.00/pie	= _____
	Total:	\$ _____



**Deadline for Easter: MARCH 15**

Pickup March 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Manicotti	Qty: ____ @ \$15.00/dozen	= _____
Cavatelli	Qty: ____ @ \$ 5.00/lb.	= _____
Sauce	Qty: ____ @ \$ 10.00/quart	= _____
Meatballs	Qty: ____ @ \$ 15.00/dozen	= _____
Crystals	Qty: ____ @ \$ 14.00/box	= _____
Italian Cheese Cookies	Qty: ____ @ \$ 10.00/dozen	= _____
	Total:	\$ _____



**The parishioners of Our Lady of Peace**, having recently come together in a merger of two distinct parishes, are beginning to “see together” as a single community of faith. It is a time of adjustment for all of us, and we take to heart the urgent plea in last Sunday’s readings: “in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Our purpose is clear. We are to follow the words of Christ in the Great Commission, to make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all God has commanded (Matthew 28:19-20). What do we need to accomplish this purpose? This will be the focal point of conversation in the months ahead as we embrace our diversity from our unity in Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Bambera has asked us to evaluate the future of Our Lady of Grace Church and make a recommendation to him. Our careful evaluation will include consideration of several Priority Drivers: Priests, Finances, Facilities, and Parish Life. The newly formed councils, who represent you, are collecting and analyzing information in order that ours is a data-driven recommendation, even as sentiments for a sacred space abound. The entire parish will be made aware of this information through the parish bulletin and website.

Most pressing is the diminishing number of diocesan priests. When a pastor retires, Bishop is challenged to replace him because very few priests are available to serve in this capacity. As a result, pastors are asked to take on multiple parishes, sometimes with the help of an assistant pastor. Our parish will be directly affected when in early 2027, Our Lady of Peace Parish will link with Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish, under a single pastor. A Spanish-speaking assistant pastor will likely be assigned as well.

These two parishes have an abundance of facilities. In addition to the 3 churches, there are 3 rectories, 3 school buildings, and 4 cemeteries. As we discern the future of Our Lady of Peace Parish, we will carefully consider the need for all these structures and the amount of financial resources necessary to maintain them. As a parish, our focus is on mission and increasing the vitality of the Catholic Church in the city of Hazleton.

The councils will meet on February 11, 2026, to review finances and parish life statistics, which will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

**Los feligreses de Nuestra Señora de la Paz**, que recientemente se han unido tras la fusión de dos parroquias distintas, están empezando a “ver juntos” como una sola comunidad de fe. Es un momento de adaptación para todos nosotros, y tomamos muy en serio la urgente petición de las lecturas del domingo pasado: “En nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que todos estéis de acuerdo en lo que decís, y que no haya divisiones entre vosotros, sino que estéis unidos en una misma mente y en un mismo propósito” (1 Corintios 1:10).

Nuestro propósito es claro. Debemos seguir las palabras de Cristo en la Gran Comisión, hacer discípulos, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, enseñándoles a observar todo lo que Dios ha mandado (Mateo 28:19-20). ¿Qué necesitamos para lograr este propósito? Este será el tema central de conversación en los próximos meses, mientras abrazamos nuestra diversidad desde nuestra unidad en Cristo bajo la guía del Espíritu Santo.

El obispo Bambera nos ha pedido que evaluemos el futuro de la iglesia Our Lady of Grace y le hagamos una recomendación. Nuestra cuidadosa evaluación incluirá la consideración de varios factores prioritarios: sacerdotes, finanzas, instalaciones y vida parroquial. Los consejos recién formados, que los representan, están recopilando y analizando información para que nuestra recomendación se base en datos, incluso cuando abundan los sentimientos hacia un espacio sagrado. Toda la parroquia será informada de esta información a través del boletín parroquial y el sitio web. Lo más urgente es la disminución del número de sacerdotes diocesanos. Cuando un párroco se jubila, el obispo se enfrenta al reto de sustituirlo, ya que hay muy pocos sacerdotes disponibles para desempeñar esta función. Como resultado, se pide a los párrocos que se hagan cargo de varias parroquias, a veces con la ayuda de un párroco asistente. Nuestra parroquia se verá directamente afectada cuando, a principios de 2027, la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Paz se una a la parroquia de San Cirilo y San Metodio, bajo un solo párroco. Es probable que también se asigne un párroco asistente de habla hispana.

Estas dos parroquias cuentan con numerosas instalaciones. Además de las tres iglesias, hay tres rectorías, tres edificios escolares y cuatro cementerios. Mientras discernimos el futuro de la parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Paz, consideraremos cuidadosamente la necesidad de todas estas estructuras y la cantidad de recursos financieros necesarios para mantenerlas. Como parroquia, nuestro enfoque está en la misión y en aumentar la vitalidad de la Iglesia Católica en la ciudad de Hazleton.

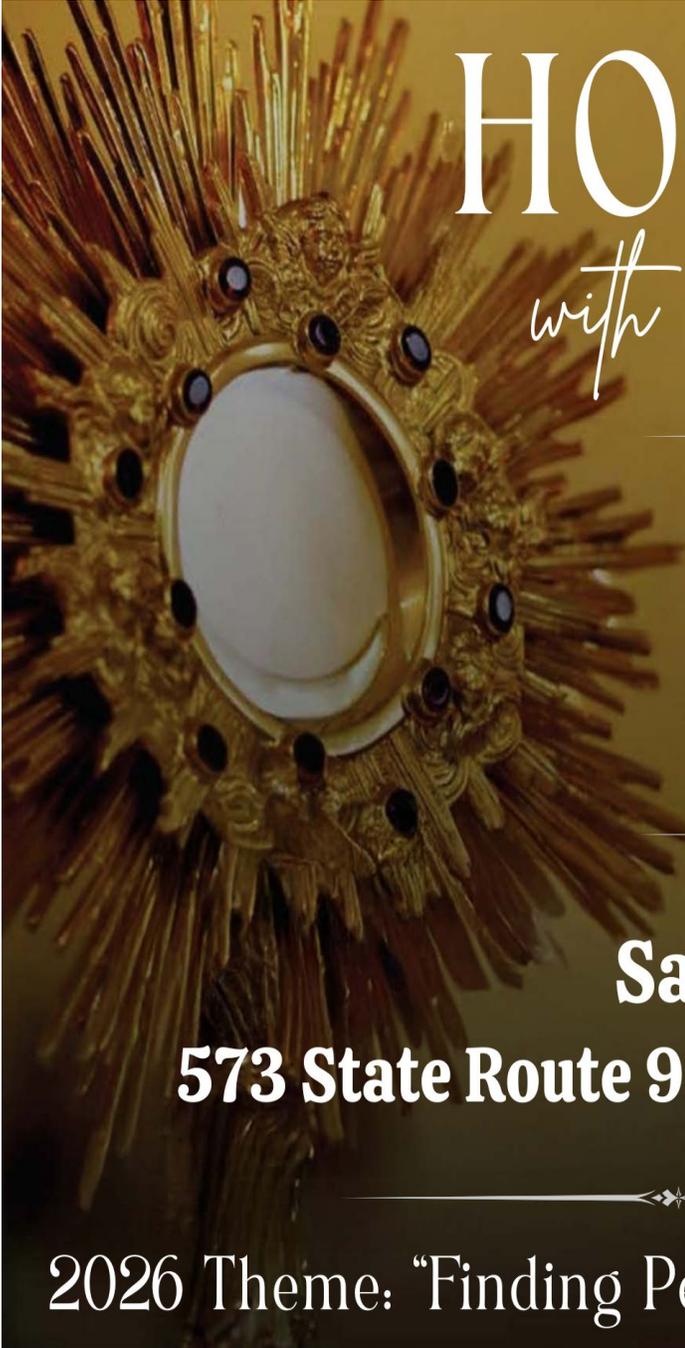
Los consejos se reunirán el 11 de febrero de 2026 para revisar las finanzas y las estadísticas de la vida parroquial, que se compartirán con ustedes en las próximas semanas.

**Lenten Holy Hour for the Hazleton Deanery**

**Bishop Joseph C. Bambera** will be traveling throughout the Diocese of Scranton during Lent to lead Holy Hours in each of the Diocese's 12 deaneries, continuing a tradition that began several years ago. The Lenten Holy Hour for the Hazleton Deanery will be held on Thursday, March 5 at Saint John Bosco Parish in Conyngham at 7:00 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend. The theme for this year's Lenten Holy Hour will be "Finding Peace in Challenging Times." Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special opportunity to gather for prayer, reflection, and Eucharistic devotion during the Lenten season.

**El Obispo Joseph C. Bambera** recorrerá la Diócesis de Scranton durante la Cuaresma para presidir Horas Santas en cada una de las 12 decanaturas de la Diócesis, continuando una tradición que comenzó hace varios años. La Hora Santa de Cuaresma para la Decanatura de Hazleton se llevará a cabo el jueves 5 de marzo en la Parroquia San Juan Bosco en Conyngham a las 7:00 p.m. Todos están invitados y se les anima a asistir. El tema de la Hora Santa de Cuaresma de este año será "Encontrar la paz en tiempos difíciles."

Por favor, marque su calendario y planee acompañarnos en esta oportunidad especial para reunirnos en oración, reflexión y devoción eucarística durante la temporada de Cuaresma.



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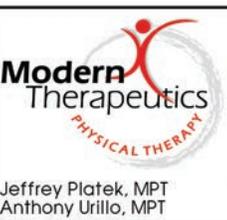
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