

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.

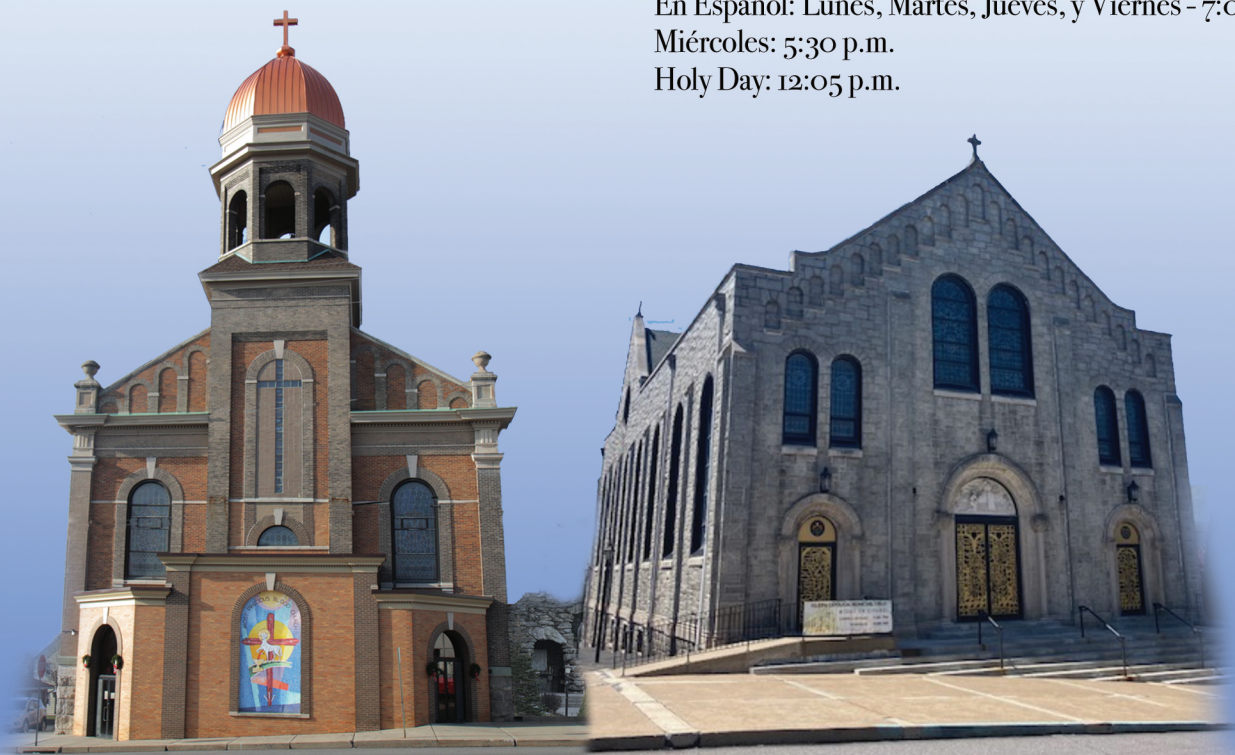
Domingos: 10:00 a.m.

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.

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

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

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

Weekend Masses - August -September Rosary Schedule

9/6 - Mahers	9/7 - Conlins
9/13 - Loretta Sabo	9/14 - Kilners
9/20 - Maureen Franzosa	9/21 - Leskoskys
9/27 - Bards	9/28 Molinos

St. Joseph Statue September Schedule

September 14 - 21 Mahers

September 21 - 28 Bards

September 28 - October 5 Wagners

October 5 - October 12 Gloria Clement

October 12 - October 19 Blanche & Tom Shenosky

October 19 - October 26 Rafaela Cespedes

October 26 - November 2 DiLisios

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.

Thanks and Welcome to You: On October 1, 2025, Fr. Michael Piccola will begin his retirement from priestly ministry. Thank you for 14 years of dedicated service to the Parish of Sts. Cyril and Methodius at the Church of St. Joseph, and for your long service as Dean of the Hazleton Area Catholic Community! May God grant you many years! Also, we welcome Fr. Brian Clarke back to the Hazleton Area as he succeeds Fr. Piccola as Pastor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish. You have our prayers and best wishes as you begin your ministry!

Fatima Statue Schedule

September 7th to September 13th Catherine Smolinsky

September 14th to September 20th Charlie and Pattie Craig

September 21st to September 27th Florence Hayden

Sponsorship Opportunities at Our Lady of Peace Parish
Supporting the life and ministries of our parish involves many ongoing costs. We invite parishioners and friends to consider sponsoring one of the following needs:

Postage for Bulletin Mailings

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

Feast Day Flowers for the Altar

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

Bread and Wine Offering

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

Pascal Candle

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

In Loving Memory Dedications

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

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

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

REV. ANTHONY GENEROSE
PASTOR



Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

On the feast of St. Peter Claver, I came to understand how much Jesus has left for us to do. Peter Claver restored dignity to African peoples brought to the New World in chains as slaves. He couldn't single-handedly abolish the slave trade, but he worked tirelessly to bring dignity to people in chains by curing their illness, treating their malnourishment and clothing their nakedness. Today's passage from the Book of Numbers identifies Moses as the one who couldn't defeat sin itself, but through his efforts, Moses interceded with God to bring about a cure for many people bitten by the serpents in the desert. Moses didn't abolish sin, but he did much to restore dignity to the sinner.

Jesus also didn't heal everyone or bring everyone back from death. He left some work for us to do. And we could sit and make a list of gifts of the Holy Spirit he has given many people over the centuries to do just that kind of work. Just think of the skills of a doctor or nurse for example. We still struggle to defeat any number of diseases, but we work hard to bring dignity to those who suffer them.

But we wouldn't have the gifts of the Holy Spirit if Jesus hadn't defeated the power of sin and abolished eternal death for everyone for all time. And that event was Jesus embracing the cross despising its shame. We like to say Jesus died on the cross for our sins. But just exactly what does that mean? For me it means that Jesus despised all the sin I throw at him, just like the crowd which hurled its evil, anger-filled blood lust at him the day they crucified him. But he didn't despise me for it, nor they, nor anyone sinner. It's the beaten, bloodied, bruised, naked, dying man rejected by men and God who brings dignity to sinners of all ages.

Today we exalt because of that piece of wood called the cross. The tree in biblical terms is the symbol of life. And from the very beginning, sin and death appeared in a tree in recognition of the incongruence of death's power in the symbol of life. Hence, the biblical understanding that one who dies on a tree is accursed by God and man takes shape in human understanding. That is, until the juxtaposition on Calvary, where the death of one man on a cross ushers in life for the world.

I hope you now have a new appreciation for that crucifix you love to gaze upon or that cross you wear around your neck. By it, Jesus worked a miracle for us all so that we can continue to do his work of bringing dignity to others.

REV. RAFAEL O'FARRIL
ASSISTANT PASTOR



Querida familia, en este Domingo que celebramos la fiesta de la Santa Cruz, se nos invita a partir de una experiencia bien triste, que vivieron nuestros hermanos mayores en la FE. El pueblo de Israel, cuando peregrinaba por el desierto. Cuando estos, todos sabemos que habían aceptado la propuesta de Dios, de ser libres, tener una tierra, una casa, una identidad. Pero para eso tenían que dejarse guiar, formar y abandonar la tierra de esclavos y abrazar la voluntad de Dios, obedeciendo y dejándose hasta alimentar y cuidar. Pero ellos cayeron en rebelión y rebeldía. Atacando con ira visceral a Dios y a Moisés. Cegándose tanto, Dios permitió se toparán, con una plaga mortífera. Las serpientes venenosas, que les daban muerte. Esto los hizo encontrarse, con la muerte. Lógicamente, recordemos que la paga del pecado es la muerte. Se arrepintió el pueblo, clamó y Dios puso de manifiesto lo que Él es. Amor y misericordia. Mando a construir la serpiente de bronce. Para que se pudiesen salvar los mordidos. Pero aclaró. No es la serpiente de bronce la que los salvaba, sino despertar la conciencia, experimentar que solo Dios los salvaba, y por eso ponerse en camino. Y al llegar invocar a Dios y pedirle perdón. Y volver a retomar, los mandamientos y amistad con Dios. Hoy sucede igual, la palabra recuerda que el que no crea, está condenado. ¿A QUE? Condenado a vivir en oscuridad. Condenado a vivir una vida sin Dios. Condenado a vivir en la esclavitud del pecado. Condenado a no recibir las gracias, los dones que Dios da, por medio de su Santo Espíritu. Condenado a construir su vida sobre arena, que fácilmente se desplomará. Condenado a no ser feliz, ni hacer una vida bonita y en paz con su misma familia. Si estás alejado de Dios a cuantas cosas reconoces que ya vives limitado, donde tú mismo te estás inhibiendo o hasta condenándote. Alabado Sea Jesucristo El Señor.

Dear family, on this Sunday when we celebrate the feast of the Holy Cross, we are invited to reflect on a very difficult experience that our brothers and sisters in the faith went through. The people of Israel, when they were wandering in the desert. We all know that they had accepted God's proposal to be free, to have a land, a home, an identity. But to do so, they had to allow themselves to be guided and trained, leave the land of slavery, and embrace God's will, obeying and allowing themselves to be fed and cared for. But they fell into rebellion and defiance, attacking God and Moses with visceral anger. Blinding themselves so much, God allowed them to encounter a deadly plague. Poisonous snakes that killed them. This brought them face to face with death. Logically, let us remember that the wage of sin is death. The people repented, cried out, and God revealed who He is: love and mercy. I command you to build the bronze serpent. So that those who were bitten could be saved. But he clarified. It was not the bronze serpent that saved them, but rather awakening their conscience, experiencing that only God could save them, and therefore setting out on the journey. And upon arrival, invoking God and asking for forgiveness. And returning to the commandments and friendship with God. Today it is the same; the word reminds us that those who do not believe are condemned. To what? Condemned to live in darkness. Condemned to live a life without God. Condemned to live in the slavery of sin. Condemned to not receive the graces, the gifts that God gives through His Holy Spirit. Condemned to build your life on sand, which will easily collapse. Condemned not to be happy, nor to have a beautiful life in peace with your own family. If you are far from God, how many things do you recognize that you already live limited, where you yourself are inhibiting or even condemning yourself? Praise be to the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

	Sept. 7, 2025
Offertory	\$6,688.00
Dues	1,074.00
Loose	642.00
Church improvements	165.00
Utilities	580.00
Diocesan assessments	215.00
Assumption	37.00
MdM Envelope	30.00
Care & Education of Priests	304.00
Memorials	250.00
Total	\$9,985.00



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

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

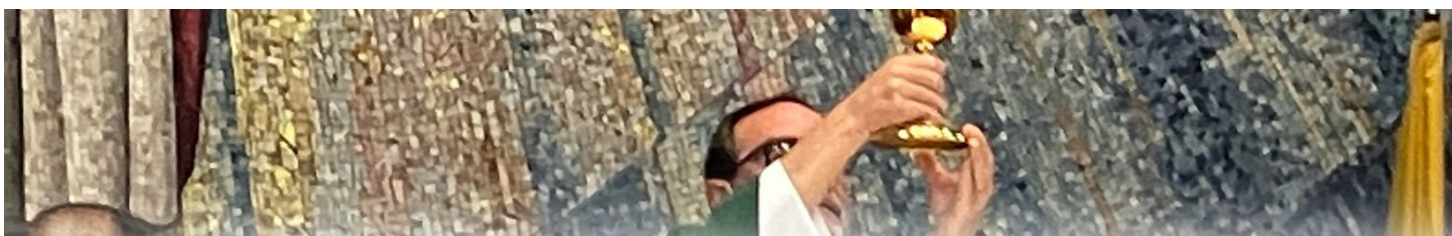
Childrens Closet - The Children's Closet will be open on Wednesday from 12:45 until 1:30 P.M. If you have any questions, please call Linda at the rectory 570-454-8797.

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

El Ministerio VOICE of JOHN organizará un viaje en autobús a la Marcha por la Vida de Pensilvania en Harrisburg el lunes 22 de septiembre. Saldremos del lote superior de la Iglesia de San Juan Bosco a las 8:30 a.m. (inmediatamente después de la misa de las 8:00 a.m.). El regreso es alrededor de las 4 p.m. El costo del autobús es de solo \$ 20. Para reservar su asiento, comuníquese con Maryann al 570-788-JOHN (5646).

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

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

**Mass Intentions Most Precious Blood Church****Saturday, September 13th***St. John Chrysostom***4:00 pm † Michael & Theresa Mussoline** by Son, Michael**Sunday, September 14th***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross***10:30 am † Robert Letcher** by Rose & Sherri Kokinda**Monday, September 15th***Our Lady of Sorrows***8:00 am † Thomas Sheppard, Sr.** by Wife & Children**Tuesday, September 16th***Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian***8:00 am † Jean Ann Shimanski** by Formica Family**Wednesday, September 17th***St. Robert Bellarmine, St Hildegard of Bingen***8:00 am † Frank Herman Konschnik** by Mary, Frank & Joe**Saturday, September 20th***Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & companions***4:00 pm † Michael Salazer** by Ed & Carol Harry & Sons**Sunday, September 21st***25th Sunday in Ordinary Time***10:30 am † Anthony W. Giannott** by Florence Jessel**Lector Schedule Most Precious Blood Sept. 2025**

Saturday

9/13 - Sharon

9/20 - Donna

9/27 - Carol

Sunday

9/14 - Jean

9/21 - Melissa

9/28 - John

New Mass Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation:

Please be advised of the revised Mass schedule at Our Lady of Peace Parish at the Churches of Most Precious Blood and Our Lady of Grace. The schedule is as follows: 6pm at MPB church on the eve of the Holy Day (Vigil Mass) and 12:05 pm at OLG church on the Holy Day. The next Holy Day of Obligation is December 8, 2025, the Immaculate Conception.

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

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

Candles For By

Madonna de Monte † Michael & Theresa Mussoline Son, Michael

Mass Intentions Our Lady of Grace Church 9/18-9/21Thursday: **Nellie Landro** ~ The Landro FamilyFriday: **Philip Saullo** ~ The FamilySaturday: **Sally A. Heaney** ~ Bette JacobsSunday: **Lori Ann Starr** ~ Mark Kranyak & Family**Lector Schedule Our Lady of Grace September 2025**

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

9/13 - Tony Fadule

9/20 - Rich Roman

9/27 - Mary Kulig

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

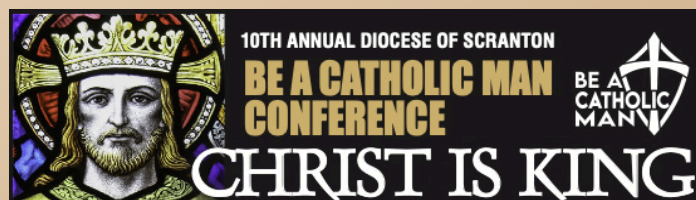
9/14 - Rich Roman

9/2 - Mary Kulig

9/28 - Richard Barrett

The next Charismatic Mass and Healing Service

at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham will be Tuesday, Sept. 16th at 7PM. Fr. Christian Ekeh will preside, and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45PM. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643 or at rgstagg@frontier.com.

**SAT., OCT. 4, 2025, 8 AM - 3:00 PM****Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Penna. Ave., Wilkes-Barre****Speakers: Mike Aquilina, David Bereit, Fr. Charles Connor****Adoration, Reconciliation, Exhibitors, Mass- Bishop Bambera****\$40, (Early \$30 by 9-15-25) Students \$15, Priests/Deacons/Seminarians FREE****Morning coffee & box lunch included****ONLINE info and registration:****BeACatholicMan.com**

BY MAIL: Send name, address, email & parish with check or money order (payable to "Be a Catholic Man")

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Mail to: **Be a Catholic Man**, PO Box 669, Wyalusing, PA 18853

Contact: Mike Kilmer 570-721-0872 • mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com



OLG Cemetery Clean Up There will be a meeting at OLG Cemetery on Monday, September 15th, 10:00am for anyone who is willing to organize and assist with fall clean up and maintenance. For more information call Neil Oberto at 570-926-8167.

Boo's & Brews Tricky Tray Opportunities:

Anyone interested in donating a tricky tray (Fall themed would be fantastic, but not necessary!), can bring the tricky tray to the rectory office on or before October 9th. Thank you!

Annual Apple Dumpling Sale. Pick up will be Oct. 25, in the church hall. The cost is \$5.50 each for regular or sugar-free. Please use the order form below or call the rectory to place your order.

Apple Dumpling Order Form

Deadline to order: October 9, 2025.

Apple Dumplings// \$5.50 each.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of regular dumplings: _____

of sugar free dumplings: _____

September is National Hunger Awareness Month, and our local St. Joseph Food Pantry is in need of donations. Throughout September, we will be collecting food items to help our neighbors in need. The most needed items include canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, and pasta. Please bring your donations to the parish during weekend masses or drop them off at the St. Joseph Food Pantry in Hazleton during the week. Your generosity will help ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. Thank you for your kindness and support.

If you would like to buy a \$5 Boscov's pass, please come to the rectory or buy a pass at the MPB table at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. You can save 25% off with your discount shopping pass* (exclusions apply.) Register to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card at every Boscov's store. Just mention Our Lady of Peace Parish (Most Precious Blood Church, Hazleton) by name in-store at the register or online at checkout (Drawing will be held on or around 10/22/25.) This fundraiser is perfect for early Christmas shopping! 100% of your donation goes to Our Lady of Peace Parish.



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