

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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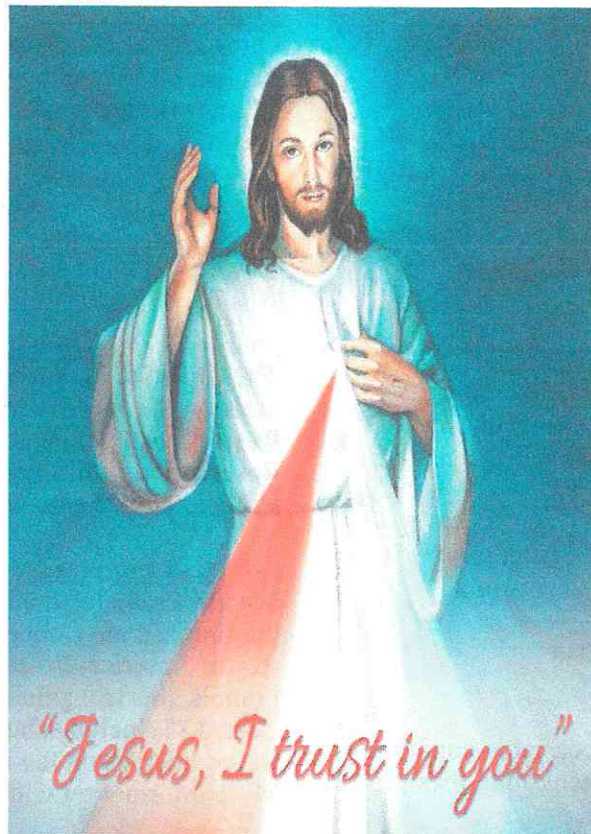
Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Bulletin Deadline
Articles and announcements
must be submitted to the office
by Noon Monday.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am
Weekdays: Tuesday and Friday
8:00 am (Main Church)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm
After Daily Mass or
by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
You must be registered in the Parish for six months. Arrangements for the Baptism must be arranged by the parents. All sponsors should be carefully selected and must be at least 16 years of age. Non-practicing, fallen away Catholics are not eligible for sponsorship, even if they are close relatives or friends. The Sponsors are required to bring a letter of eligibility from their Church.



SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
Couples planning a wedding must contact the rectory six to nine months before the date. Couples are obligated to follow Parish Policy and are required to attend the Diocesan Pre-Cana Program.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND SICK CALLS
In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Parish Life Coordinator. Also notify the rectory if admitted to hospitals and nursing homes. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion.

VISION STATEMENT
Faith-Family-Friendship
Casting a wide net to gather as many people as possible for the Kingdom of God.

MISSION STATEMENT
To be a welcoming community that encourages and empowers our family of believers to use their gifts and talents to be active, intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.

Parish Life Coordinator
Deacon Steve Frye

Sacramental Minister
Rev. Mark DeCelles

Pastors Emeriti
Rev. John S. Terry M. Div.
Rev. Theodore L. Obaza

Deacon
Deacon William Behm

Parish Secretary
Jean Behm

Business Manager
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Director of Music
Andrea Yorkonis

Director of Liturgy
Noah Klinges

Director of Religious Education
Diane Lakkis

OCIA
(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Adults interested in becoming Catholic or those who have not received First Eucharist or Confirmation should call the rectory. Program runs from September through Pentecost.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Classes are held in the Church Parish Hall
Sundays, September through May.
Grades K-8 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026



Saturday, April 11

4:00 PM Anthony, Frances, & Frank Kijek, and
Joseph & Mary Kumor - Carl, Sandy & Family

Sunday, April 12

9:00 AM Ernest Jendrzewski - Swida Family

Tuesday, April 14

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, April 17

8:00 AM Ikaika Quiacusan - Family

Saturday, April 18

4:00 PM Stephen & Anna Omasta - Daughter,
Lorraine

Sunday, April 19

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Paschal Candle - For living and deceased members of
the Tomasura and Tometchko families

Votives

Sanctuary Candles - In Memory of Leonard Przywara
By Wife

Blessed Mother - In Memory of the Hertely Family
By Family Members

Sacred Heart - In Memory of Frank & Mary Yuknavich
By Butch & Mary Joy Allen

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Deacon Joe DeVizia	William McLaughlin
Lindsay Kurtz	Ron Reiss
Theresa Belcastro	Helen Novak
Joseph Mrozski	Albert Mrackoski
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Maria Healey	

Our Lady of Hope Projects

This is the current status of project donations.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Donations</u>
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$6,000	\$4,000
St. Joseph Statue	6,000	1,000
Church Bathroom	TBD	1,655
Stations of the Cross	10,000	0
Sanctuary Handrails	TBD	300
Rolling Gate	Member donated gate	0
Funeral Vestments	3,000	1,000

Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Rectory. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Reservations will be taken for the Mother's Day Dinner to be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

Parish Pilgrimage to Franciscan Monastery, DC

We have scheduled a bus trip, June 10, to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and the Franciscan Monastery of America, Wash D.C. In this Jubilee Year of St Francis, this trip gains us pilgrims a plenary indulgence. Cost: \$75 Includes bus fare, breakfast items, snacks, water, hoagies on the way home, and driver gratuity. More information will follow.

Rummage Sale

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, will hold their annual Spring Rummage Sale in the school gym on Monday, April 13th from 9am-5pm, and Tuesday, April 14th from 9am-3pm. Tuesday is \$2/bag day. There will be a bake sale, refreshments, hoagies, hot dogs, & wimpies.

Weekend of March 29th

Sunday Collection	\$7,110.11
Portion going to the Diocese	<u>232.86</u>
Remaining at OLOH	\$6,877.25

April 2 - 5, 2026

Triduum Collection	\$13,748.22
Portion going to the Diocese	<u>839.22</u>
Remaining at OLOH	\$12,909.00



Reflection

Today we hear the well-known story of Saint Thomas, the apostle who doubted that Jesus had truly risen, refusing to believe until he touched the nail marks in the Lord's hands. Out of mercy for the single apostle who had missed his first appearance after rising from the dead, Jesus returned to invite Thomas to probe the wounds. Thomas, with the faith we hope to emulate, immediately exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we ask God to strengthen our faith to overcome our doubts so that we too may see the risen Lord in our midst.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, let us remember the prayer that was prayed at the dedication of our church. "Here may the poor find mercy, the oppressed attain true freedom, and all people be clothed with the dignity of your children." This is from the Order of the Dedication of a Church and Altar. Remember, if we are to embody the mercy that Christ has shown US, we must live into this prayer of dedication and make it our continued prayer TODAY – and EVERY Day.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

We recently returned from a long weekend visiting our son and his family. While the drive wasn't exactly grueling, it wasn't pleasant either. There was the typical slow traffic, and one time (or three) when we weren't exactly lost, but merely misplaced. But all in all, the journey was well worth the trouble. After all, it took us to family. We are all on a magnificent journey - even when we aren't in a car with a GPS shouting out turns (or U-turns). Life's journey isn't merely getting from Point A to Point B. Our journey through life is a MISSION. Sure, we want to go from where we are to an eternity spent at peace in God's embrace, but also we need to fulfill our God-given mission. We should all think of our daily lives as an opportunity to be the hands of God in a world deeply in need of those hands. The roadway we often refer to as "life" puts us in a unique position. We are traveling through time and space, but we are also called to be Christ for the world - all while we search for him in everyone we meet. If this is how we travel our roads, then that purpose will see us safely Home. Sure, we might hit some snags along the way, but the journey will be memorable and well-worth the effort.



St. Vincent DePaul Donations

For the month of April the Kitchen has requested **Spaghetti Sauce** Thank you for helping those who are hungry. God Bless you!



Now You Know.... **From the PLC**

Our Divine Mercy Liturgy celebrates what Jesus asks of us through St. Faustina. In the 1930s, Jesus provided Divine Mercy revelations to a humble Polish nun, Maria Faustina Kowalska. In her Diary, she recorded 14 occasions when Jesus requested the observation of a Feast of Mercy. Jesus said, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls ... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter" (Diary, no. 699). In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina on the Second Sunday of Easter and declared the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. In 2002, the Pope approved indulgences for Divine Mercy devotions. If we receive the Sacrament of Penance, perform a Work of Mercy, and receive Holy Communion, we can obtain a plenary indulgence, the complete forgiveness of all sins and all due punishment. Jesus also gave St. Faustina the Chaplet of Divine Mercy saying, "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687). Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for the Novena. We should pray the Novena of Chaplets of Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday. However, it can be prayed anytime. Remembering the message Sister Faustina received is as easy as A-B-C. **A: Ask for His Mercy.** Repent of our sins and ask for forgiveness. **B: Be merciful.** Extend the forgiveness we receive (a la the Lord's Prayer!). **C: Completely trust in Jesus.** God gave the world a Savior. We are called to make known His Divine Mercy and prepare for His Second Coming. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve

St. Anthony Novena

Our 13 week devotion to St. Anthony continues with Day 5 this Tuesday, April 14th, at 5:30 pm.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation is held on Sundays in Ave Maria Hall from 10:15 to 11:15 am while our children attend their Religious Education classes. All are invited to participate.

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