

# Our Lady of Hope Parish

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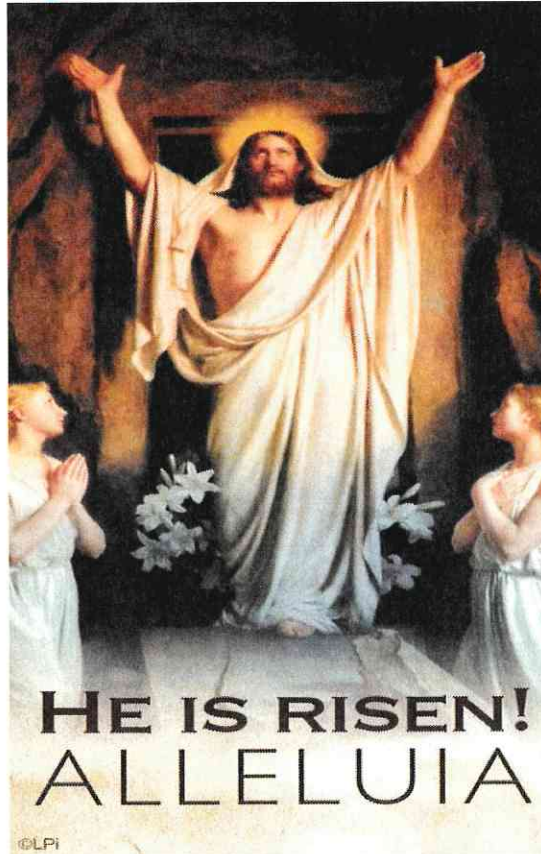
**Office Hours**  
Monday thru Friday  
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

**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**  
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**Director of Liturgy**  
Noah Klings

**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 to May.  
Grades K-8 10:00 am - 11:00 am

# 5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 2

4:00 PM Ernest Jendrzejewski - Charles & Ann Pohutski

### Sunday, May 3

9:00 AM First Holy Communion Class

### Tuesday, May 5

8:00 AM People of the Parish

### Friday, May 8

8:00 AM Jean & Leonard Conwell - Pat & Ron Royek

### Saturday, May 9

4:00 PM Ernest & Clara Jendrzejewski - Son, Ernest & Monica

### Sunday, May 10

9:00 AM Marvin Jayma - Mom & Family

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

### Votives

Blessed Mother - In Memory of 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 Mrozowski	Albert Mrackoski
Judy Manganello	Theresa Talacka
Maria Healey	

### Christian Women Scholarship

The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope will be awarding a scholarship to a 2026 high school graduate. Eligible graduates must be a member of our parish or the child or grandchild of one of our Christian Women members. The application and an essay titled "What My Catholic Faith Means to Me and How I Apply It in My Everyday Life" must be submitted by Friday, May 22nd. Applications are available at the rectory.

### St. Anthony Novena

Our 13 week devotion to St. Anthony continues with Day 7 this Tuesday, April 28th, at 5:30 PM.

### Weekend of April 26th

Sunday Collection	\$4,789.00
Portion going to the Diocese	223.00
<b>Remaining at OLOH</b>	<b>\$4,566.00</b>

### Praying To Our Blessed Mother

During the month of May, the Rosary will be recited every Saturday before the 4:00 PM mass (beginning at 3:30). Please join us as we honor our Blessed Mother with this beautiful devotion.



### Parish Council Meeting

Our Lady of Hope Parish Council will meet Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Rectory.

### Requesting Mass Intentions

Our 2027 Mass Book is available for scheduling mass intentions. We are required to have a mass intention for "the People of the Parish" once each week. We also have to hold a few open days so when a parishioner passes away there is availability of a 30-day mass. Therefore a parish family will now be limited to 4 masses per year - 2 weekend masses and 2 weekday masses. This is standard practice in most diocesan churches.

### Christian Women Meeting

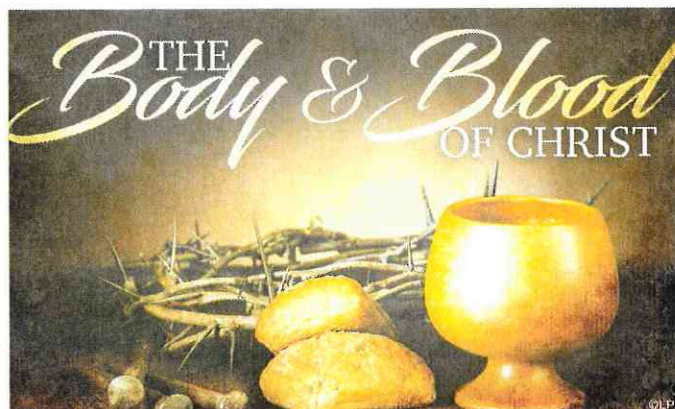
The Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope Parish will meet for May on Wednesday, May 27th in the rectory, at 6:30 PM. All women of the parish are invited to attend. The annual Mother's Day Dinner will be postponed until the June meeting, Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

### First Holy Communion

This Sunday at our 9 AM mass our First Holy Communion class will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. Let us pray for these children as they welcome Jesus into their bodies and their hearts -

Charlotte Bensavage	Bryce Carey
Jackson Jendrzejewski	Marco Moran Juarez
Elena Lakkis	Lawson Lakkis
Jackson Lakkis	Lylah Thomas
Lillyanna Thomas	Amelia Tomko

The children, their parents, and the CCD teachers want to thank the Christian Women of Our Lady of Hope for providing the communion kits for the children.



**Reflection**

On the night before he died, Jesus assured his disciples that “in my Father’s house there are many dwelling places... I am going to prepare a place for you.” Jesus knew that their faith would be severely tested and their hope would be dashed in the coming days. Our faith and hope waver as well. May the words of our Lord in today’s Gospel reassure us through our doubts and despair about our future. God’s house has a place for each of us.

**What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:**

Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled. In doing so, however, Jesus is not telling us that we will never experience any anxiety or fear. Rather, He reminds us we do not have to walk the journey alone. There will be difficulty and death, but Jesus goes ahead to prepare the way for us. Jesus wants us to share both the joys and challenges of our journey with Him. Again, the way to live is related to relationships. May we pray for the grace to always be in relationship with Jesus - our God, our Savior, and our Brother.

**Thoughts from Deacon Bill:**

When I was a little boy I had a Boxer named Duchess. She started out as my uncle’s dog, but his wife said NO. Then the dog became my grandparents’ dog. She stayed there until one fateful Thanksgiving when my grandfather walked into the kitchen and saw Duchess helping herself to freshly roasted turkey. After that, Duchess moved to my house - and became my best friend. I spent everyday at my grandparent’s house - and the Boxer came with me. One day, my father dropped me off at St. Boniface School and Duchess was in the car. Then he dropped the dog off at his parent’s house and went to work. In those days, students at St. Boniface went to 8 AM mass every day. At about 8:10, I started to hear giggles from the back of church. I saw Duchess walking up the center aisle, looking left and right. When she saw me, she jumped into the pew right next to me; Sister was NOT pleased. She sent me home with my dog. I never loved that dog more than I did that day. Our bond was solid. When we think of our God, we should always know our bond with Him is also very solid. If we aren’t together, God will come looking for us and stay right by our side. Only difference, we won’t be told to “take him home.” He’ll be spiritually by our side until we are called to stand before Him. In my case, I hope Duchess will be there, too.



**St. Vincent DePaul Donations**

For the month of May the Kitchen has requested **Non-dairy Creamer**. Thank you for helping. God Bless You!



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

***Welcome to May, the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary!***

One Litany of the Blessed Virgin, called the Litany of Loreto, is one of the many Marian litanies, or praises of Mary, composed during the Middle Ages. The place of honor it now holds, in the life of the Church, is due its faithful use at the shrine of the Holy House at Loreto. According to tradition, this was the small cottage-like home where the Holy Family had lived and which was miraculously transported by angels, in 1291, from the Holy Land to Loreto. Pope Sixtus V, who had entertained a singular devotion for Loreto, by the Bull "Redditori" of July 11, 1587, gave formal approval to it. Its 49 titles (50 or 51 in some versions adding "Mother of the Church" and "Mother of Mercy" are the 'official' 'newcomers' in recent times and which are included on the Vatican website version) and invocations set before us Mary's exalted privileges, her holiness of life, her motherly spirit, and her queenly majesty. Reflection on the titles of the litany unfold before us a magnificent picture of our heavenly Mother, even though we know little about her life. The Litany of Loreto was composed in a way that was common to several Marian litanies already in existence during the second half of the fifteenth century. However, the Litany of Loreto text had the good fortune to be adopted in the famous Loreto Shrine, and in this way become known, more than any other, to the many pilgrims who flocked there during the sixteenth century. The litany spread throughout Christianity and is with us today. It's a great addition to our prayer lives. *Now you know!*

***Deacon Steve***

**Parish Pilgrimage to Franciscan Monastery, DC**

Our parish Pilgrimage to the Franciscan Monastery in D.C. will be on Wednesday, June 10th. The cost is \$75 which includes bus fare, breakfast items, snacks, water, hoagies on the way home and driver gratuity. Reservations and payment are due by May 18, 2026. Contact Theresa Lisiewski, 570-862-6298 for payment information.

**Catholic Ministries Appeal**

There will be a 2nd collection this weekend and next weekend, May 9 & 10 for the Catholic Ministries Appeal (Diocesan Annual Appeal). We are at 65% of our goal. Please be as generous as possible.

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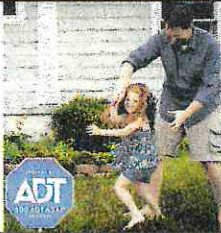
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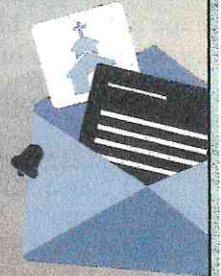
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