

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

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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 through May.
Grades K-8 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29, 2026



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28 Palm Sunday Vigil

4:00 PM Joseph Pekol - Shirley Klauss

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Lena Flynn - Robert, Sharon & Sean Flynn

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 AM Stanley A. Orbik - Wife & Family

Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday

9:00 AM Stanley J Buckley - Godchild Mary Frances

11:00 AM Kathleen Gill - Sr. Mary Beth &
Paul Makuch

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 28 4:00 PM Procession with
& Blessing

Sunday, March 29 9:00 AM of Palms

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)

Thursday, April 2 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM Washing of the Feet &
Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament
10:00PM Night Prayer

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Friday, April 3 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Adoration of the Holy Cross &
Holy Communion

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 4 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
Noon Blessing of Baskets
8:00 PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 5 9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

Sanctuary Votive- World Peace

Paschal Candle - For Living and Deceased Members
of the Tomasura and Tometchko Families

Holy Thursday Procession

Just a reminder - All Lectors and Extraordinary
Ministers of the Eucharist are asked to meet in the
sacristy to participate in the Holy Thursday and Easter
Vigil processions.

Daily Lenten Exercises

Sunday, March 29 - Meditate on the Passion in
thanksgiving for Christ's sacrifice.

Monday, March 30 - Offer something beautiful to
God today.

Tuesday, March 31 - Pray for fidelity in times of
weakness.

Wednesday, April 1 - Ask Jesus to purify your heart
from anything that betrays His love.

Thursday, April 2 - Perform an act of humble
service today.

Friday, April 3 - Spend 10 minutes in silence before
a crucifix.

Saturday, April 4 - Sit in silence with Mary, waiting
in hope for the Resurrection.

Please pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Deacon Joe DeVizia

William McLaughlin

Lindsay Kurtz

Ron Reiss

Theresa Belcastro

Helen Novak

Joseph Mrozoski

Albert Mrackoski

Judy Manganello

St. Anthony Novena

Our 13 week devotion to St. Anthony will continue this
Tuesday, March 24th, 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.

St Vincent DePaul Donations

For the month of April the request is for **Spaghetti
Sauce**. Thank you for helping those in need.
God Bless you!



Scripture Reflection

Be in step with Jesus, to love and sacrifice with him. Consider our king. Entering the world in poverty, Jesus made his triumphal entry riding a colt. Rather than worldly power, Jesus was armed with love. This extraordinary king calls for extraordinary followers. Let us not be in step with this world, seeking glory and riches, but seek to follow Jesus, even to the cross, as we desire to join in his resurrection.

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

Isaiah tells us our God is a God of love who wishes nothing but relationship, even giving a back to those who beat and a face to those who buffet and spit. We might incorrectly read this and assume a weak passive God, but that is not who God is. Rather, God models for us how to actively live for others in showing us a great reversal of human norms. God shows us there is a strength in weakness and a power in vulnerability. This is the story of the cross. As we enter this holiest of weeks, let us pray that we may see the life that comes from Jesus' cross, even in the most difficult of situations. This Palm Sunday let us pray for the strength to be weak and the grace to have a vulnerable heart that loves - no matter what.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

For those of you who have a dog, you probably have a first-hand experience of what unconditional love is. A dog just doesn't care if its human is rich or poor - in the majority or the minority. All it knows is love. If you walk out of the room, even for just a few minutes, a dog is overjoyed at your return. Is it a coincidence that dog spelled backwards is GOD? Like its backward counterpart, God doesn't care about what you have or how you look. He cares about what you hold in your heart. If love is at the heart of who you are, you are on God's team - and God is on yours. But if you've wandered a bit from God's companionship for a while, he'll be as excited as your dog to see you return. Why not use this final week of Lent to stop wandering and return to God's loving embrace. He may not wag his tail if you do, **but he will be overjoyed.**



Special Presentation of the "Holy Face"

This Sunday at 10:30 am in Ave Maria Hall, Ms. Tamara Klapatch will show and discuss the Veil of Manoppello. The "Volto Santo" or "Holy Face" is one of the most revered relics in Christianity. According to tradition, the veil absorbed the very first breath of the Risen Christ. All are welcome.



Now You Know.... From the PLC

On the first Palm Sunday, a donkey brought Jesus into Jerusalem. In ancient times, military leaders rode into battle on warhorses. After victory, the leader came back on a donkey, bringing peace. Jesus brought the peace of God's Kingdom into our world. God becoming man and dwelling among us is the ultimate act of humility. We should humble ourselves and be the best donkeys we can be to bring Christ to others. Many people don't know Christ, or they are afraid to follow Him. They don't know that their sufferings can become meaningful and fruitful if they are united to Christ's sufferings. They are without hope. We can be donkeys that bring Christ to others by our words and deeds. We should not be afraid to speak of Christ and the meaning of His Passion. We are His messengers. He wants to reach out to others through us. Maybe we can think of someone who needs to hear Christ. Maybe we can simply listen to Jesus so the Holy Spirit can speak through us. Through our good deeds we can share our neighbor's burdens. By helping them carry their crosses, we help them see life in Christ. We are the donkeys that bring them Christ who brings hope to all. Jesus chooses us to bring His Kingdom into people's hearts. We are the donkeys, carrying Christ into every heart, to give them hope. We should make ourselves into the best donkeys we can be, carrying Christ into the hearts of everyone we love, everyone we work with, everyone who is in need, and everyone we know. Jesus wants the same thing. We need to be His best donkeys. He will take care of the rest.

Now you know!

Deacon Steve

Night at the Races

Our Lady of Hope will sponsor a Night at the Races on Saturday, April 11th, in Ave Maria Hall. If you would like to purchase a horse (\$10), your entrance ticket will be free. Races can be sponsored for \$25. The last day to purchase a horse or sponsor a race is March 30th.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Franciscan Monastery

We have scheduled a trip, June 10, to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, Wash D.C. In this Jubilee Year of St Francis, this trip and reception of the Sacraments gains us pilgrims a plenary indulgence.

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