

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.



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Rev. John S. Terry M. Div.

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Rev. Richard G. Ghezzi

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Noah Klings

Director of Religious Education
Diane Lakkis

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday evening: 4:00 pm Sundays: 10:30 pm

Weekdays: 800 am (Rectory Chapel)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45

Before 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 Diocese Pre-Cana Program.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND SICK CALLS

In case of serious illness or advance age, please call the parish priest. Also notify the rectory if admitted to hospitals and nursing homes. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic and have not received First Eucharist or have not received Confirmation should call the rectory. Program runs from September through Pentecost.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes are held in Marymount Parish Center on South Hancock Street September through May. Grades K-8 9:15 am - 10:15 am

NEWCOMERS

We welcome you! Register in the parish office Monday through Friday during office hours. If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the office concerning your move.

We are now on Facebook
@olohweb

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 11

10:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Class of 1959 - Reunion Committee

Tuesday, September 13

8:00 AM Linda Boroski - Hal Gabriel

Friday, September 16

8:00 AM Debbie Moore - Mother

Saturday, September 17

4:00 PM Nellie & Anthony Sokolski & Son
Robert - Shirley Klauss

Sunday, September 18

10:30 AM Frank Yuknavich - Yuknavich &
Allen Families

SANCTUARY VOTIVES: For all victims of 911

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES: In Memory of
Deceased Members of the Hertely Family - By Family

SACRED HEART CANDLES: In Memory of John
Richards - Mother

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - The major fundraiser for the Workings of the Diocese now begin. Some of you have already received a pledge request. It is with great gratitude that we surpassed our goal last year by \$200.00. Remarkable! The goal is the same this year, \$35,000.00. Can we do it? Let's give it our best!

CHRISTIAN WOMEN - Planning will continue for their raffle to be held at the meeting on October 26th. Several nice prizes are on the ticket, including a hand made afghan, a hand made quilt, and gift certificates for local businesses. Proceeds benefit the youth of our parish. All women of the parish are invited to attend the meeting.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - We are very grateful to all who made a contribution to our Drive. Although at this time, we have yet to reach our goal of \$25,000.00, it is still our hope that there are still others who will help. This campaign replaces the hard and tedious work of a summer festival. There are those in these parishes who wish they would do what we do. Consider how crucial it is for us to raise these monies. God Bless!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION - C.C.D. - Next weekend begins our Religious Ed program for our young people. Please make sure that your child is registered. There is a small fee to address our expenses. Candidates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are required to bring a photocopy of the child's Baptism. This is very important. Sessions begin next Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Parish Center.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY - Next Sunday we will commission our teachers (catechists) at all the masses. We are truly blessed to have such a marvelous and zealous team dedicated to sharing their faith with our young people. Teacher aides are appreciated. However, they must be fully vaccinated and approved for clearance to be with children by the State Police. For any other information, call Diane Lakkis at 570-814-2567

FALL FESTIVAL - Several donations have been given to date. We are still shy of the 30 on the ticket. The raffle is a significant fundraiser to benefit the parish. Please make it a worthwhile prize. Something that you would like to win. The ticket needs to be printed by the middle of September. Please help! Thank you.

MINISTRY MONTH - The month of September is Ministry Awareness Month. Ideally, every member of the parish should offer some type of service in the Church. We are particularly encouraged to participate in some liturgical ministry - cantor, choir/folk group, extraordinary minister of communion, lector(reader) and altar server (junior and adult). Since we haven't heard from those junior-we are asking for adults to consider to serve funerals and if possible, weekends. How about a family serving with their youngsters? Contact Fr. Terry if interested.

PATRIOT DAY-SEPTEMBER 11 - "We look forward to the time when the POWER OF LOVE will replace the POWER OF HATE and the LOVE OF POWER. Then will our world know the blessings of peace."
-W.E. Gladstone

PRAYER FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Powerful God, our refuge and our strength, we turn to you for peace and security as we recall the 9/11 attack. We thank you for the bravery and the sacrifice of those who saved lives as firefighters, rescue crews, or people aboard United 93. Comfort and strengthen the family and friends of those who died. Give healing and patience to the survivors of the attacks who are living with continued physical or psychological pain. May those who survived feel gratitude, not guilt. Assure each person whose life changed forever of your protection and strength. Dispel the nightmares; silence the anxiety. May we learn to depend on the security you offer. We pray for your peace as we remember the terrorism attacks of 9/11. May our suffering from these attacks awaken in us an awareness of the pain and fear that so many around the world live with each day. May we know how to pray for those who struggle against oppression and injustice. As we hear of terrorist activity around the world, quiet our fears. Heal the wounded of these attacks and help their families and friends rest in your security. Guide the choices of our world leaders. Give them wisdom and discernment not only as they work to resolve the lasting effects of the 9/11 attacks but also as they try to alleviate terror of all sorts—from genocide to hunger, from drought to bombings. May their actions bring your peace to all the people of the world. Gracious God, our world changed with the 9/11 attacks. We have seen how easily buildings can fall and how quickly lives can end. As we remember 9/11, may it remind us that you are our only true security. Give us your strength to face the memory of this attack and the changes it made in our lives. Give us your compassion to help each other and recognize need around the world. Give us your hope as we face an uncertain future. Give us your peace. In the strong name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

PRAYER FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL

Thank you, Lord for your divine protection over our children. Keep them safe as they travel to and from school. Protect them from any physical harm while they are at school. I thank you that your angels stand guard over them and surround them. Guard their hearts and minds as they meet new friends. Cover them as they travel through this new school year and guide them in the right direction. Amen

**FROM
THE
PASTOR**

This Sunday is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Now the Holy Father designed this day in July to roughly coincide with the July Feast Day of Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Here in the states it is celebrated on the First Sunday after Labor Day, usually the second Sunday of the Month. President Carter issues this proclamation on September 10, 1979. It reads: Grandparents are our continuing tie to the near past, to the events and beliefs that so strongly affect our lives and the world around us. Whether they all our own or surrogated grandparents who fill in the gaps in our mobile society, our senior generation also provides our society a link to our national heritage and traditions. Now Pope Francis, back in July, spoke to Canadian Journalists while in flight back to Rome. Pope Francis said, "It's Grandparents Day: Grandfathers, Grandmothers, who are the ones who have passed history, traditions, customs and so many things". He urged young people to stay in contact with their Grandparents, comparing this practice to a "tree that takes strength from the roots and carries it forward in flowers and fruits". And I would also like to remember, as a religious, the old men and women religious, the 'grandparents' of consecrated life: Please do not hide them, they are the wisdom of a religious family; and that the new men and women religious, the novices have contact with them. They will give us all the experience that will help us so much going forward, the Pope said. "Each of us have grandfathers and grandmothers, some are gone, some are alive; let us remember them today in a special way". From them we have received so many things, first of all history. Thank you.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

To speak kindly does not hurt the tongue.