

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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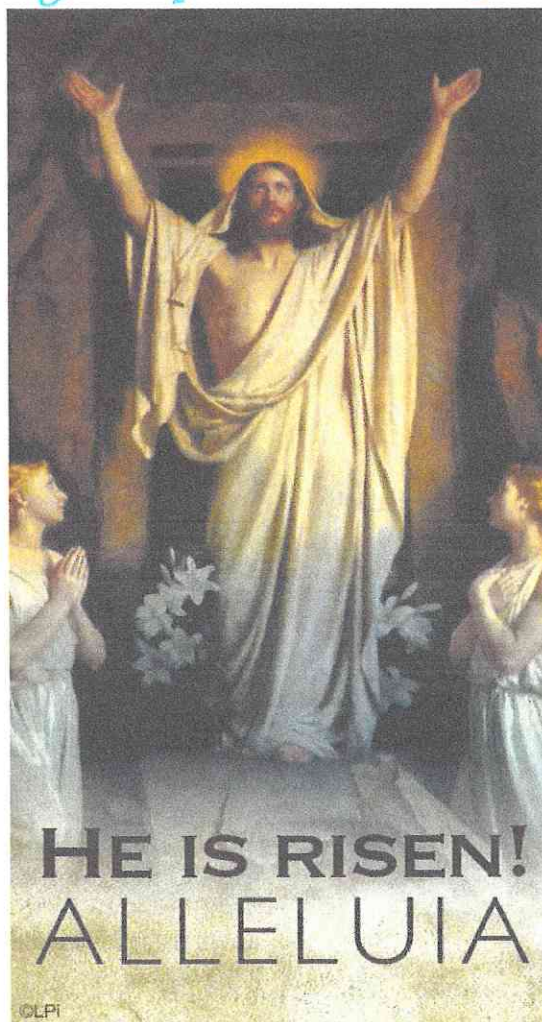
Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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**

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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Business Manager
Suzanne Cosgrove

Director of Music
Andrea Yorkonis

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

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Sunday, April 5, Easter

9:00 AM Stanley Buckley - Godchild, Mary Frances

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

Paul S Makuch

Tuesday, April 7

For the People of the Parish

Friday, April 10

8:00 AM Christian Royek - Mom

Saturday, April 11

4:00 PM Anthony, Frances, & Frank Kijek, and

Joseph & Mary Kumor - Carl, Sandy & Family

Sunday, April 12

9:00 AM Ernest Jendrzejewski - Swida Family

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

Votives

Blessed Mother - In Memory of John & Joseph Procida
By Caroline Graziano

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	

Weekend of March 22nd

Sunday Collection	\$5,937.50
Portion going to the Diocese	67.00
Remaining at OLOH	\$5,870.50

We had to submit this bulletin before March 29. So we will post the March 29 and April 5 collections next week.

We truly appreciate your generosity and support. Our project list seeking your donations currently includes:

- Handicap-accessible bathrooms, main level of the Church
- St Joseph statue, to balance with Mary on other side
- Church signs: metal front & rear, and front computerized
- Stations of the Cross, 3-dimensional, some in place to see

It's a great time to share your time, talent, and treasure.

First Friday

Due to Good Friday being the first Friday of the month, Deacon Bill's visits will be made this coming week.

Easter Welcome

A warm welcome to all who have come to celebrate Easter 2026. We especially welcome those who have been away for some time or visiting from other areas. Easter is a wonderful time to gather with family and friends here at Our Lady of Hope Parish and at home. My prayer is that Christ whose Resurrection we now celebrate, may dwell in your homes and throughout this season of joy!

Easter Vigil

We congratulate Brian Magness, Amy Michaels, and Richard Partington on the reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. It is a very special time for them and for our parish family. Our special thanks to our OCIA Team for their dedication in helping in the formation of these three. It took a lot of love and time to share the faith with them. God Bless them all.

Night at the Races

Our Lady of Hope's Night at the Races will be Saturday, April 11th, in Ave Maria Hall. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Post time is 7:00pm. Entry fee is \$5.00 if you have not purchased a horse. Hope to see you there!

St. Anthony Novena

Our 13 week devotion to St. Anthony continues this Tuesday, April 7th, 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 Kitchen has requested **Spaghetti Sauce** Thank you for helping those who are hungry. God Bless you!

Parish Pilgrimage to Franciscan Monestery, DC

We have scheduled a bus trip, June 10, to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and the Franciscan Monestery of America, Wash D.C. In this Jubilee Year of St Francis, this trip gains us pilgrims a plenary indulgence.



Reflection

Alleluia! He is risen! Jesus Christ, having made the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of our sins, has been raised from the dead. He has atoned for our sins and conquered death. Neither death nor sin have the final say any longer. We are a people redeemed, pilgrims of hope on a journey to new life. We gather today in joy in this holy place to hear the testimony of his earliest disciples, to renew our baptismal promises, and to partake in the Eucharistic feast and receive the risen Lord. Truly, this is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!

What I would like you to PRAY ABOUT:

On Easter Sunday the church celebrates the empty tomb as the climax of salvation history that had been set into motion from the very moment of the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden. We have the blessing of knowing the great mystery and the great joy that the disciples would come to learn - the Messiah has risen from the dead, defeating the sting of death for all. Whether we approach the tomb after a Lenten season that has been fulfilling and leaving us spiritually renewed, or after one that has been full of struggle, the Father is watching for us just the same, ready to embrace us and celebrate the mystery of His risen Son. May we also run to the empty tomb today with the sweet confidence of knowing that God is already running to greet US. Let us pray for the grace to recognize him and accept his love.

Thoughts from Deacon Bill:

I'm not sure if I told you this story before, but...I'm Irish. We Irish seem to know certain things in our bones. One thing I know is this, if you are offered a drink, do not pick what's contained in a beautiful crystal container. It will look pretty good, but no respectable Irishman puts the good stuff in a crystal decanter. The (really) good stuff is kept in the bottle, and usually out of sight. I'm telling you this because we can learn much about life from concentrating on this story. Sure, some things look incredible at first glance. Sometimes sin is like that. We wouldn't be tempted if sin was ugly. But if we choose false beauty, we will be very disappointed. God's real gifts are certainly to be treasured, even when at first glance they don't have the appeal of "the glamour of evil." Always choose good over evil. And taking stock to decide which is which is never a bad choice.

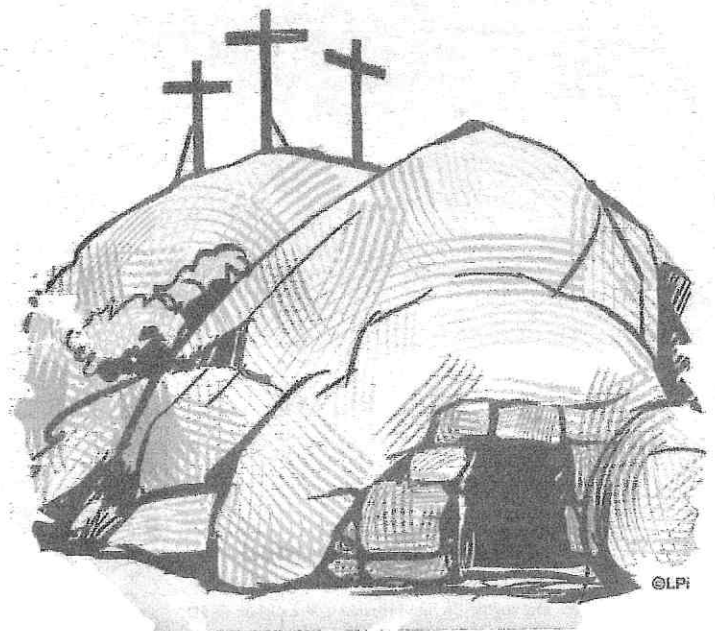


***Now You Know....
From the PLC***

Happy Easter!

It is impossible to totally express the greatness and joy of this day for Christians. This is the day Jesus broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave! He conquered the sting of death, which is sin. He made all things new in Christ! He did this, not for Himself, but for each of us. The power of His Resurrection helps us rise from our sins, frees us from the grip of fear and despair, and helps us live in joy and freedom as sons and daughters of the Father. Remember God the Father has no grandchildren. Jesus wants us to share in His great victory over sin and death. This is the heart of the Good News. We can do this if we are prepared to follow the way of Christ. This is what we promised to do at our Baptism. So, it is very fitting that on this great day we joyfully renew our Baptismal promises and commit ourselves to a change of heart, a *metanoia*, to better follow Christ, our risen Lord. With a change of heart, each of us can become more Christ-like and follow His commandments to love God and neighbor. In this way, we can better repent, forgive, and love as Jesus taught us. *Now you know!*

Deacon Steve



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